

of the gross domestic product (GDP). BEA also uses these data to prepare estimates of state and local government compensation of employees in both the annual and benchmark input-output accounts.”

BEA also uses the Census of Governments and the Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll to derive state-level estimates of the employment and wages and salaries of students and their spouses who are employed by public institutions of higher education in which the students are enrolled. There is no other national or state source for information on student workers at state institutions of higher education.

The employment data are used for two other data collection efforts currently conducted by the Census Bureau. The Medical Expenditures Panel Survey (MEPS) collects data for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on health plans offered to state and local government employees. The MEPS sample of public employees is drawn from the Census of Governments: Employment component universe and employment data from the survey are used in statistical methods for creating national estimates on health plans. The Criminal Justice Employment and Expenditure program (CJEE), sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), uses employment data to provide employee and payroll statistics on police protection and correctional activities.

State and local government officials use these employment data to analyze and assess individual government labor force and wage levels. Both management and labor consult these data during wage and salary negotiations.

Public interest groups of many types produce analyses of public sector activities using these data. User organizations representing state and local government include the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, Government Research Association, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and the National Association of Towns and Townships. Another category of users, having a more specific focus on government activities, includes organizations such as the National School Boards Association and the National Sheriffs Association.

A variety of private sector organizations and individuals make use of these employment and payroll data. Notable research organizations include the Brookings Institution and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government.

Both public and private universities utilize these data. Instructors, researchers, and students in schools of public administration, political science, management, and industrial relations as well as other members of the public also use employment data.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government; Federal government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S.C., Section 161 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Quarterly Financial Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0432.

*Form Number(s):* QFR-200(MT), QFR-201(MG), QFR-300(S).

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 11,890.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours and 8 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 101,258.

*Needs and Uses:* The Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) program has published up-to-date aggregate statistics on the financial results and position of U.S. corporations since 1947. The program currently collects and publishes financial data for the manufacturing, mining, wholesale trade, retail trade, information, and professional, scientific, and technical services (except legal) sectors. The survey is a principal economic indicator that provides financial data essential to calculation of key U.S. government

measures of national economic performance. The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, Section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 109-79, Section 91 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR program through September 30, 2015. Currently, QFR is in the process of reauthorizing this public law.

The Census Bureau is requesting approval to continue collection of the QFR program. QFR's last submission for forms approval included an announcement of an expansion of its coverage to include four new service sectors. The new sectors included subsectors in Sector 53 (Real Estate and Rental and Leasing), excluding subsector 533 (Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets); Sector 56 (Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services); Sector 62 (Health Care and Social Assistance); and Sector 72 (Accommodation and Food Services) based on the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). However, on June 9, 2014, the QFR ceased collection of these additional sectors due to sample restrictions and budget constraints. Notification of this change was announced on the QFR Business Help Site (BHS) Web site and the QFR Publication. Furthermore, we are pursuing funding to get the expansion reinstated.

The survey forms used to conduct the QFR are: QFR-200 (MT) Long Form (manufacturing, mining, wholesale trade, and retail trade); QFR-201 (MG) Short Form (manufacturing); and the QFR-300 (S) Long Form (services).

The primary purpose of the QFR is to provide timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for use by Government and private-sector organizations and individuals. The primary public users include the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Trade Commission, Small Business Administration, U.S. Treasury-Office of Tax Analysis, and the Joint Committee on Taxation. These same organizations play a major role in providing guidance, advice, and support to the QFR program. The primary private-sector data users are a diverse group including universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, and U.S. and foreign corporations.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C., Section 91.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Current Population Survey, School Enrollment Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0464.

*Form Number(s):* There are no forms. We conduct all interviews on computers.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission.

*Number of Respondents:* 59,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 3.0 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 2,950.

*Needs and Uses:* These data provide basic information on the school enrollment status of various segments of the population necessary as background for policy formulation and implementation. This supplement is the only annual source of data on public/private elementary and secondary school enrollment, as well as the characteristics of private school students and their families. As part of the Federal Government's efforts to collect data and provide timely information to government entities for policymaking decisions, this supplement provides national trends in enrollment and progress in school. Consequently, this supplement is the only source of historical data at the national level on the age distribution and family characteristics of college students, and on the demographic

characteristics of preprimary school enrollment.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 8(b), 141, 182, and Title 29, U.S.C. Sections 1-9 authorize the collection of this information on individuals and households. Title 20 U.S.C. Sections 3475, 9543, 9544, and 9546 authorize the National Center for Education Statistics to collect this information.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0354.

*Form Number(s):* There are no forms. We conduct all interviews on computers.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 78,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 0.41667.

*Burden Hours:* 32,500.

*Needs and Uses:* The income data from the ASEC are used by social planners, economists, government officials, and market researchers to gauge the economic well-being of the country as a whole, and selected population groups of interest. Government planners and researchers use these data to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of various assistance programs. Market researchers use these

data to identify and isolate potential customers. Social planners use these data to forecast economic conditions and to identify special groups that seem to be especially sensitive to economic fluctuations. Economists use ASEC data to determine the effects of various economic forces, such as inflation, recession, recovery, and so on, and their differential effects on various population groups.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 141, 182; and Title 20, United States Code, Sections 3475, 9543, 9544, and 9546.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Observer Policy Committee meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street,