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*Exceptional Circumstance:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstances of the COVID crisis and DFO availability.

Dated: May 13, 2020.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed new information collection of the Household Pulse Survey During COVID–19 Epidemic, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Cassandra A. Logan, Survey Director, Household Pulse Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, ADDP, HQ–7H157, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)). You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2020–0013, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has

closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Cassandra A. Logan, U.S. Census Bureau, ADDP HQ–7H157, Washington, DC 20233–8400, (301) 763–1087 (or via the internet at [Cassandra.logan@census.gov](mailto:Cassandra.logan@census.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau has developed the Household Pulse Survey as an experimental endeavor in cooperation with five other federal agencies. Conducting the Household Pulse Survey during the COVID–19 pandemic will allow the federal statistical system to demonstrate proof of concept with respect to its ability to produce near real-time data in a time of urgent and acute need. Changes in these measures over time will provide insight into individuals' experiences on social and economic dimensions during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic. This survey, conducted under the auspices of the Census Bureau's Experimental Data Series (<https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products.html>), is designed to supplement the federal statistical system's traditional benchmark data products with a new data source that provides relevant and timely information based on a high quality sample frame, data integration, and cooperative expertise.

Given the urgency of circumstances associated with the pandemic, the Census Bureau sought emergency clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which OMB granted on April 19, 2020 (OMB No. 0607–1013). The documentation submitted to OMB for Information Collection Review is available at [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref\\_nbr=202004-0607-005](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=202004-0607-005).

Question domains contributed by the Census Bureau (Census), Economic Research Service (ERS), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), National Center for Education Statistics (NCES),

and the Department of Housing (HUD) seek to measure employment status, consumer spending, food security, housing, health, and education disruptions. Many of the questions that will be asked on this survey have been fielded on other surveys in the past. However, some of the questions are new, designed to explore potential impacts associated with the COVID–19 pandemic response.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct this information collection online using Qualtrics as the data collection platform. Qualtrics currently is used at the Census Bureau for research and development surveys and provides the necessary agility to deploy the Household Pulse Survey quickly and securely. It operates in the Gov Cloud, is FedRAMP authorized at the moderate level, and has an Authority to Operate from the Census Bureau to collect personally identifiable and Title-protected data.

The Census Bureau will sample approximately 2,159,000 housing units, with an additional approximately 1,100,000 housing units each subsequent week of data collection. The survey was initiated starting April 23, 2020, and is planned to take place over the course of 12 weeks. Households will be contacted via email and/or SMS text asked to complete approximately 50 questions focused on employment, spending, food security, housing, health and educational disruption. The survey was estimated to take 20 minutes.

Weekly survey estimates will be produced by weighting the results to the estimate of the occupied number of housing units from the American Community Survey at the geographic levels of the nation, state, and metropolitan area. The Census Bureau expects to refine its weighting processes over time to make better use of available information and to reduce nonresponse bias in the estimates.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607–1013.

*Form Number(s):* There are no forms. All data collection is web-based.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* People and Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

The total number of respondents is estimated at 108,000 per week for 12 weeks for a total of estimated 1,296,000 respondents.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 427,794.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 182 and 196.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Small Business Pulse Survey

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau,  
Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed extension of the collection of information on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the functioning of small businesses. The original

collection was approved by the Office of Management and Budget on April 22, 2020 under the emergency approval provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Thomas Smith, PRA Liaison, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 7K250A, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the internet at [PRAcomments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAcomments@doc.gov)). You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2020-0012, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Nick Orsini, Associate Director for Economic Programs, ADEP-8H132, Washington, DC 20278 (or via the internet at [nick.orsini@census.gov](mailto:nick.orsini@census.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

On April 22, 2020, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted approval under the emergency approval provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) for the U.S. Census Bureau to immediately begin collecting information on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the functioning of small businesses through the Small Business Pulse Survey (SBPS).

The SBPS will provide weekly national, state, and large MSA information on changes in business operations, employment, worker hours, and the availability of consumer goods and services are impacting American life. The rapidly changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic creates an acute need for data on small businesses that sheds light on the situation as it is unfolding. The Census Bureau has the infrastructure in place to provide large-scale coverage across all non-farm

single-location employer businesses. Our proposed survey will reach nearly 1M businesses.

Additionally, the Census Bureau proposes this platform as a pilot to develop a capability that can be used for future economic crises to provide near real time information to policymakers and the public. Through this process, the Census Bureau will learn valuable insights about executing a high-frequency, quick turnaround business survey, including systems development, data collection and quality, and coordination with existing Census Bureau business surveys and dissemination programs. This survey allows us to test internal processes and systems, while also gauging external interest and understanding how businesses react to such a collection. We will also gain insights about the quality of the data in high frequency collections and how it could be improved in future iterations. This pilot may also serve as a model for a more encompassing federal statistical community collection activity.

The 16-question, 5-minute, multiple choice survey captures information on concepts such as business closings, changes in employment and hours, disruptions to supply chain, and expectations for future operations. These economic data will be used to understand how changes due to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic are affecting American businesses and the U.S. economy.

The sample is designed to be sufficiently large to allow publication of survey results by sector and state and for the top most populous 50 MSAs, but this is contingent on response and the ability to meet disclosure avoidance thresholds.

Due to the need to begin collecting this information right away, we were unable to allow for the time periods normally required for clearance under the PRA. The approval granted by OMB is through October 31, 2020. This approval allows the Census Bureau to conduct the SBPS for up to 6 months. The Census Bureau now seeks to extend clearance for the COVID-19 supplemental questions for an additional three years. Currently, there is no way to anticipate an end to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy. Therefore, the Census Bureau needs to be prepared for the possibility of collecting these data for an extended period of time.

##### II. Method of Collection

The only method of collecting information for this survey is electronically through the Census