DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey

On September 12, 2022, the Department of Commerce received clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to conduct Phase 3.6 of the Household Pulse Survey (OMB No. 0607–1013, Exp. 10/31/23). The Household Pulse Survey was designed to meet a need for timely information associated with household experiences during the Covid–19 pandemic. The Department is committed to ensuring that the data collected by the Household Pulse Survey continue to meet information needs as they may evolve over the course of the pandemic. This notice serves to inform of the Department’s intent to request clearance from OMB to make some revisions to the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire. To ensure that the data collected by the Household Pulse Survey continue to meet information needs as they evolve over the course of the pandemic, the Census Bureau submits this Request for Revision to an Existing Collection for a revised Phase 3.7 questionnaire.

Phase 3.7 includes new questions on changes in travel and spending due to increasing prices, school meals, displacement due to natural disaster, receipt/loss of Medicaid coverage, and a question that asks certain respondents if they are not working due to coronavirus, natural disaster, or another reason. There are also modifications to existing vaccine booster, children’s vaccine booster, infant formula, reasons not working, and inflation items. Several questions will be removed for Phase 3.7, including replaced children’s vaccine booster items, and questions about educational catch-up activities and the receipt of antiviral/antibody treatments.

It is the Department’s intention to commence data collection using the revised instrument on or about December 24, 2022. The Department invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously sought on the Household Pulse Survey via the Federal Register on May 19, 2020, June 3, 2020, February 1, 2021, April 13, 2021, June 24, 2021, October 26, 21, January 24, 2022, April 18, 2022, and July 2, 2022. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments on the proposed revisions.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: Household Pulse Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607–1013.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 136,779.

Average Hours per Response: 20 minutes.

Burden Hours: 45,137.

Needs and Uses: Data produced by the Household Pulse Survey are designed to inform on a range of topics related to households’ experiences during the COVID–19 pandemic. Topics to date have included employment, facility to telework, travel patterns, income loss, spending patterns, food and housing security, amount of monthly rent and changes in monthly rent, access to benefits, mental health and access to care, difficulty with self-care and communicating, intent to receive the COVID–19 vaccine/booster, timing of coronavirus testing, use of coronavirus treatments, the experience of long COVID, post-secondary educational disruption, access to infant formula, the effects of increasing prices, natural disasters, and school meals for children. The requested revision, if approved by OMB, will remove selected items from the questions for which utility has declined and add questions based on information needs expressed via public comment and in consult with other Federal agencies. The overall burden change to the public will be insignificant.

The Household Pulse Survey was initially launched in April, 2020 as an experimental project (see https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products.html) under emergency clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) initially granted April 19, 2020; regular clearance was subsequently sought and approved by OMB on October 30, 2020 (OMB No. 0607–1013; Exp. 10/30/2023).

Affected Public: Households.

Frequency: Households will be selected once to participate in a 20-minute survey.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 182 and 196.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607–1013.

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Census Bureau

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis plan to collect information from the public to fulfill their data security requirements when providing access to restricted use microdata for the purpose of evidence building. The U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis’s data security agreements and other paperwork along with the corresponding security protocols allow the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis to maintain careful controls on
confidentiality and privacy, as required by law. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed data security information collection, prior to submission of the information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by January 9, 2023 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Madray, Senior Research Review Coordinator, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233; telephone (301) 763–1464; or send email to heather.madray@census.gov. James Fetzer, Research Data Center Administrator, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233; telephone (301) 278–9124; or send email to james.fetzer@bea.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The paragraphs below outline the process for BEA and Census to collect information fulfilling their data security requirements, consistent with their statutory requirements.

Collection of Information for Data Security Requirements

In the instance of a positive determination for an application requesting access to a U.S. Census Bureau and/or a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis confidential data asset through the SAP process, the U.S. Census Bureau and/or the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis will contact the applicant(s) to initiate the process of collecting information to fulfill their security requirements. These requirements include additional information necessary for the statistical agency or unit to place the applicant(s) in a trusted category that may include the applicant’s successful completion of a background investigation, confidentiality training, nondisclosure, and data use agreements.

The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis’s data security requirements include the collection of all or some of the following:
The agency that requires each individual form is noted below:

- Form BC–1759, Special Sworn Status—U.S. Census Bureau
- Form CD–591, Department of Commerce Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Request—U.S. Census Bureau
- Fair Credit Release—U.S. Census Bureau
- Selective Service Form—U.S. Census Bureau
- Foreign National Residence History—U.S. Census Bureau
- Initial Information Sheet—U.S. Census Bureau
- Researcher Semi-Annual Contact Information and Travel History Update—U.S. Census Bureau
- Sworn Statement (Affirmation) of Nondisclosure for Consultant to BEA—U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Annual Census Bureau Data Handling University Training, including:
  - Data Stewardship & Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)
  - Title 13 Awareness Course
  - Title 26 Awareness Training
  - Cybersecurity Awareness & Protection Course
- Annual Census Bureau Records Management Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Title 26 Awareness Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Data Stewardship and IT Security Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Records Management 101 Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Active Shooter Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Employees Safety Training

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Industry and Security**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Miscellaneous Licensing Responsibilities and Enforcement**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments by email to Mark Crace, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, at mark.crace@bis.doc.gov or to PRAcomments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0694–0122 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Mark Crace, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, phone 202–482–8093 or by email at mark.crace@bis.doc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This collection of information involves ten miscellaneous activities described in Sections 744.15(b), Part 744 Supplement No. 7, paragraph (d), §748.4 and Part 758 of the EAR that are associated with the export of items controlled by the Department of Commerce. Most of these activities do not involve submission of documents to the BIS but instead involve exchange of documents among parties in the export transaction to ensure that each party understands its obligations under U.S. law. Others involve writing certain export control statements on shipping documents or reporting unforeseen changes in shipping and disposition of exported commodities. These activities are needed by the Office of Export Enforcement and the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to document export transactions, enforce the EAR and protect the National Security of the United States.

**II. Method of Collection**

Electronic.

**III. Data**

OMB Control Number: 0694–0122.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,224,151.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 seconds to 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 97,456.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: 0.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.