

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 15,600 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 5.2 hours.

Needs and Uses: After the release of Census 2000 redistricting data, some governmental entities may seek to challenge these official Census 2000 counts. The Census Bureau is implementing the Census 2000 Count Question Resolution program (CQR) to address boundary, geocoding, and coverage (processing errors that result in a failure to include or the incorrect inclusion of population data that was identified and collected during the 2000 Census) errors. The census officially ended on December 31, 2000, and no additional census data can or will be collected after that date. The CQR Program is not a mechanism or process to challenge the March 6, 2001, decision of the Secretary of Commerce to release unadjusted numbers from Census 2000 for redistricting purposes nor to revise the numbers that were released for redistricting. Neither is the program a mechanism or process to challenge or revise the numbers sent to the President on December 28, 2000, used to apportion the United States House of Representatives.

Local or tribal governmental entities submitting a challenge using the CQR Program must submit supporting documentation, such as address lists and/or maps. Supporting evidence in the form of address lists shall be taken from a source dated no later than April 1, 2000. Challenges alleging geocoding or coverage (processing) errors in housing unit counts or group quarters population counts, must specify the block(s) for which the counts are being challenged. All governmental unit boundary challenges must be based on the boundaries that were in effect on January 1, 2000. The Census Bureau will compare the maps and supporting documentation with the information used to depict the boundaries for Census 2000. The Census Bureau will respond to all challenges and/or questions and will notify all affected governmental entities of any corrections to their official counts.

The Census Bureau published a notice in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2001 (Vol. 66, No. 14, pp. 6574–6578) announcing our plans to conduct the CQR Program and instructing local and Tribal governments on how, when, and where to submit challenges.

CQR will begin June 30, 2001 and will conclude September 30, 2003.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 141.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395–5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Applicant Background Questionnaire

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Geraldine Burt, U.S. Census Bureau, Field Division, FOB–3, Room 1784, Washington, DC 20233–5700, 301–457–1939.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Applicant Background Questionnaire is completed on a voluntary basis by applicants for Regional Office Schedule A positions with the Census Bureau at the time of application and testing. The Census Bureau conducts a wide variety of statistical surveys and hires interviewers and other Schedule A employees to work on these surveys on an ongoing basis. The questions on the Applicant Background Questionnaire are of a sensitive nature relating to race and national origin as well as medical disabilities. This information is useful in determining whether we have a representative sample of the community from which we are hiring. This allows the Census Bureau to adjust recruiting efforts quickly and to employ local applicants for indigenous hiring. It also allows us to assess our compliance with equal employment opportunity regulations. Background information provided by applicants will not be used in applicant screening or selection and will not be available to the selecting official.

II. Method of Collection

Individuals complete the BC–1431 only once. Based on past experience, the BC–1431 on average takes about 2.5 minutes to complete. The paper form is completed by the applicant at the time of testing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0494.

Form Number: BC–1431.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Census Bureau Job Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2.5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,042.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents except for their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 92–261, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 Pub. L. 94–311, Publication of Economic and Social Statistics for Americans of Spanish Origin or Descent 41 CFR part 60–3, Information on Impact (Section 4) 5 U.S.C. 7201, Antidiscrimination Policy, Minority Recruitment Program.

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.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Generic Clearance for Customer Satisfaction Surveys

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joanne Dickinson, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Room 3015-3, Washington, DC 20233-0800, and 301-457-4081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the generic clearance to

conduct customer satisfaction research surveys which may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

The Census Bureau has ranked a customer focused environment as one of its most important strategic planning objectives. The Bureau routinely needs to collect and analyze customer feedback about its products and services to better align them to its customers' needs and preferences. Several products and distribution channels have been designed/redesigned based on feedback from its various customer satisfaction research efforts.

Each research design is reviewed for content, utility, and user-friendliness by a variety of appropriate staff (including research design and subject-matter specialists). The concept and design are tested by internal staff and a select sample of respondents to confirm its appropriateness, user-friendliness, and to estimate burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information. Collection techniques are discussed and included in the research concept design discussions to define the most time-, cost-efficient and accurate collection media.

The clearance operates in the following manner: a block of hours is reserved at the beginning of each year, and the particular activities that will be conducted under the clearance are not specified in advance. The Census Bureau provides information to OMB about the specific activities on a flow basis throughout the year. OMB is notified of each activity in a letter that gives specific details about the activity, rather than by means of individual clearance packages. At the end of each year, a report is submitted to OMB that summarizes the number of hours used as well as the nature and results of the activities completed under the clearance.

Some modifications of the clearance from previous years are planned. The number of hours is expanded from 3,750 per year to 4,000 to allow for larger-scale research efforts with increased analytical power. In addition, incentives as a survey procedure may also be the subject of research under the clearance.

II. Method of Collection

This research may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0760.

Form Number: Various.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, State or local governments,

farms, businesses or other for-profit organizations, federal agencies or employees, non-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 48,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents, except for their time to answer the questions posed.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Executive Order 12862.

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.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 2001.