

errors. Information gathered through this request for public comment will allow the Census Bureau to update this assessment to include additional costs, risks, and benefits faced by non-Federal users of ACS data. Implementing the updated standards in 2027 would mean that the first ACS 1-year estimates under the updated standards would be released in September 2028 for the 2027 ACS 1-year data. The first 5-year estimates produced solely using the data collected under the 2024 SPD 15 would be available in the 2027–2031 ACS 5-year data, scheduled for release in December 2032. Should a determination be made to instead implement the updated standards in 2026, these release dates would be moved up by one year. For example, the first ACS 1-year data using the updated standards would be released in September 2027, and the first ACS 5-year estimates would be released for the 2026–2030 ACS data in December 2031. Note that this alternative schedule would align the 5-year ACS estimates with the 2030 Decennial Census data.

Once the ACS program begins collecting data using the updated race and ethnicity data standards, the data produced in the 5-year estimates will be crosswalked to the updated race and ethnicity groups until there are five years of data collected in the updated format. For example, the 2023–2027 ACS 5-year estimates would contain data collected in years 2023 through 2026 using the 1997 SPD 15 and data collected in 2027 using the 2024 SPD 15. In those 2023–2027 ACS 5-year estimates, data collected in 2023 through 2026 would be crosswalked to the updated race and ethnicity categories, and data products would comply with the 2024 SPD 15. Crosswalking procedures would be required for all data collected under the 1997 SPD 15 for each 5-year file produced until there are a full 5 years of data available that have been collected under the 2024 SPD 15, as follows:

- 2023–2027 5-Year Estimates: Crosswalking required for years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- 2024–2028 5-Year Estimates: Crosswalking required for years 2024, 2025, 2026
- 2025–2029 5-Year Estimates: Crosswalking required for years 2025, 2026
- 2026–2030 5-Year Estimates: Crosswalking required for years 2026
- 2027–2031 5-Year Estimates: No crosswalking required

This data release schedule will impact all data products that are cross-tabulated by race and ethnicity.

### III. Request for Comments

Pursuant to the terms of clearance for the 2025 ACS, we are soliciting public comments on the timeline to implement the updated race and ethnicity standards into the ACS. We are interested in feedback about the impact this update will have on data users, researchers, and community organizations if it is implemented in either the 2026 ACS or the 2027 ACS in light of our assessment of risks to data quality.

Comments you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Robert L. Santos, Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Census Household Panel Topical 10, Topical 11, and Topical 12 Operations**

On May 14, 2024, 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 the seventh, eighth, and ninth Census Household Panel topical operations (OMB No. 0607–1025, Exp. 6/30/26). The Census Household Panel is designed to ensure availability of frequent data collection for nationwide estimates on a variety of topics for a variety of subgroups of the population. This notice serves to inform of the Department's intent to request clearance

from OMB to conduct topical operations 10, 11, and 12.

The Topical 10 (August) survey will include a roster experiment, and content from the Household Pulse Survey (HPS) to run in parallel with the HPS Phase 4.2. The September survey (Topical 11) will include a test of the Survey of Income and Program Participation's (SIPP) labor force, assets, and homeownership items. For the October topical questionnaire (Topical 12), Household Pulse Survey content will be repeated using longitudinal design without the roster experiment. The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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 requested via the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2023, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Census Household Panel

Topical 10, Topical 11, and Topical 12 Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607–1025.

*Form Number(s):* Not yet determined.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 10,354 panel members.

*Average Hours per Response:* 4 hours per year (20 minutes for monthly collection).

*Burden Hours:* 41,375.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Household Panel is a probability-based nationwide nationally-representative survey panel designed to test the methods to collect data on a variety of topics of interest, and for conducting experimentation on alternative question wording and methodological approaches. The goal of the Census Household Panel is to ensure availability of frequent data collection for nationwide estimates on a variety of topics and a variety of subgroups of the population, meeting standards for transparent quality reporting of the Federal Statistical Agencies and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Panelists and households selected for the Panel were recruited from the

Census Bureau's gold standard Master Address File. This ensures the Panel is rooted in this rigorously developed and maintained frame and available for linkage to administrative records securely maintained and curated by the Census Bureau. Invitations to complete the monthly surveys will be sent via email and SMS messages.

Questionnaires will be mainly internet self-response. The Panel will maintain representativeness by allowing respondents who do not use the internet to respond via computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). All panelists will receive an incentive for each complete questionnaire. Periodic replenishment samples will maintain representativeness and panelists will be replaced after a period of three years.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, sections 141, 182 and 193.

This information collection request may be viewed at <https://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 <https://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 0607–1025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Regional Economic Development Data Collection Instrument

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments via email to Hallie Davis, Tech Hubs Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, at [HDavis1@eda.gov](mailto:HDavis1@eda.gov) or [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov). 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 Tech Hubs, Economic Development Administration, at [TechHubs@eda.gov](mailto:TechHubs@eda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) leads the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, and preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Guided by the basic principle that sustainable economic development should be driven locally, EDA works directly with communities and regions to help them build the capacity for economic development based on local business conditions and needs. Section 28 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (15 U.S.C. 3722a) is the legal authority under which EDA awards financial assistance and designee status under the Fiscal Year (FY) 23 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program ("Tech Hubs"). Under Tech Hubs, EDA seeks to strengthen U.S. economic and national security through place-based investments in regions with the assets, resources, capacity, and potential to become globally competitive, within approximately ten years, in the technologies and industries of the future—and for those industries, companies, and the good jobs they create to start, grow, and remain in the U.S. in order to support the growth and modernization of U.S. manufacturing, improve commercialization of the

domestic production of innovative research, and strengthen U.S. economic and national security. Tech Hubs is a two-phase program: in Phase 1, EDA funded Strategy Development grants and designated 31 regions as Tech Hubs. In Phase 2, designated Tech Hubs are eligible to compete for funding for implementation projects. Further information on Tech Hubs can be found at [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov).

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 28732). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. The purpose of this notice is to seek comments from the public and other Federal agencies on a request for a new information collection for designated Tech Hubs to help ensure that Tech Hub investments are evidence-based, data-driven, and accountable to participants and the public.

Lead consortium members of the 31 designated Tech Hubs will submit identified program metrics and qualitative information to help assess specific program objectives. A one-time questionnaire will be sent to each of the Tech Hubs consortium leads, which will gather the relevant data and stories for each of the 31 Tech Hubs designee consortia, resulting in consortia regional impact evaluation, resources, and tools for regional economic development decision-makers. The 31 designated Tech Hubs will provide information on the following objectives:

(1) Accelerating technology innovation, commercialization, demonstration, and deployment, which may include information on the number of patents filed, licensing agreements, approximate levels of research and development expenditures, adoption of new technologies, and acceleration of current technologies.

(2) Enabling infrastructure and advancing manufacturing, which may include information on specific facility information.

(3) Integrating an agile workforce system, which may include information on skills needed by employers, available training, hard-to-fill vacancies, policies and strategies for worker retention, and strategies for engagement with underserved workers.

(4) Increasing business and entrepreneurial capacity, which may include assessing employer competitiveness, relationships with Federal, State, and local entities, current partnerships, and information about sources of capital to start and grow businesses and to adopt innovative approaches and technologies.