

input for Federal surveys. State and local governments, businesses, and the general public use state population estimates for planning and other information uses.

II. Method of Collection

The School Enrollment Report, P-4 form, is mailed each Spring to approximately 40 state education agencies. We request fall public and nonpublic school enrollment by grade for the state and selected counties. Responses are returned and reviewed on a flow basis during the summer and early fall. Data collected will be used as input for the development of population estimates. The estimates are made in November, December and January.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0459.

Form Number: P-4.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: State education agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$545. @ \$27.25 per hour.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 181 and 182.

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 27, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000

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 June 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the Communications Staff, Decennial Management Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 2002, Suitland Federal Center #2, Washington, DC 20233-0001, (301) 457-3947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the Nation's population and housing be taken every ten years. The Census Bureau's goal in Census 2000 is to take the most accurate and cost-effective census possible. The importance of an accurate decennial census cannot be overstated. Census data are used to reapportion the House of Representatives and redraw legislative district boundaries, ensuring that political representation is distributed accurately, and to determine funding allocations for the distribution of billions of dollars of federal and state funds each year. Census data tell us what we know about our country; they are the definitive benchmark for virtually all demographic information used by state, local, and tribal governments, policy makers, educators, journalists, and community and nonprofit organizations.

From Census 2000, the Census Bureau will produce the basic population totals by state for Congressional apportionment, as mandated by the Constitution, and more specifically elaborated in Title 13 U.S. Code. In compliance with P.L. 94-171, for each state the Census Bureau will produce

population totals by race, Hispanic origin, and age for census blocks and higher geographic levels for legislative redistricting. The Census Bureau also will be collecting a wealth of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics from the population. This information is required to implement programs and enforce federal laws and, as noted above, plays an important role in the distribution of federal and state funds each year and serves as a benchmark for many different purposes.

In the process of developing our data collection forms, the Census Bureau has tried to reduce respondent burden in three ways: (1) Including only those questions that are explicitly required in federal law or whose use is strongly implied by the data requirements in the law—both the short form and the long form have fewer questions than their 1990 counterparts, (2) working through the decade to develop forms that are easy to understand and fill out, and (3) asking most questions at only a sample of one in six households nationwide.

II. Method of Collection

In Census 2000, the Census Bureau will make every effort to account for all people living in the Nation and Americans overseas (and their dependents) who are working for the U.S. Government. In most areas where city-style addresses are used for mail delivery, the Census Bureau will mail the following independent mailing pieces: an advance letter, a questionnaire with postage-paid return envelope, and a reminder card. In most areas with non-city style addresses (except for very remote or sparsely populated areas), enumerators will deliver a questionnaire to each housing unit, to be returned in a postage-paid envelope. Housing units in latter areas also will receive an advance letter before questionnaire delivery and a reminder card following questionnaire delivery. In very remote or sparsely populated areas without a city-style address, enumerators will visit each housing unit and complete an unaddressed short-form questionnaire. The enumerators will ask additional long-form questions of a sample of units. They also will develop an address list for the area and spot each housing unit's location on a map at the time of enumeration. In areas where response is by mail, enumerators will visit and collect information from households that did not return a questionnaire by mail or report their census information by other means, such as by telephone—this operation is called nonresponse follow-up. The Census Bureau also will

conduct a reinterview of a small portion of respondents during nonresponse follow-up to ensure the quality of work in this operation.

The Census Bureau plans to take the following additional steps to improve response to the census:

- Build partnerships with state, local, and tribal governments and with community groups to alert the Census Bureau to problems and advise the Bureau of opportunities to publicize Census 2000 and the best ways to communicate the message.

- Motivate individuals to respond (by explaining the benefits and mandatory nature of the census) and make Census 2000 forms attractive, easy to understand, and simple to fill out. Private sector designers have worked with the Census Bureau to simplify the forms and implement the user-friendly features shown to increase response during testing and research conducted by the Census Bureau.

- Placing unaddressed Be Counted forms or language assistance guides in locations, such as community centers and Walk-In Questionnaire Assistance Centers, for use by people who believe they have not been counted in the census. The Census Bureau intends to make these forms available in a broad range of non-English languages, but the number of languages has not yet been finalized.

- Employing new methods to find and enumerate people, such as enumerating persons who use services at shelters, soup kitchens, and other facilities and placing unaddressed Be Counted forms in publicly accessible locations for pick up and completion by people who believe that they have not been counted in the census.

- Providing telephone questionnaire assistance.

The Census Bureau intends to employ statistical sampling to check the quality of the work. An independent quality check—called the Integrated Coverage Measurement survey—will use the information gathered from a second, independent operation to improve the accuracy of the census. The Integrated Coverage Measurement survey will be submitted separately for OMB review, as will the forms for the census enumeration in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Island Areas.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Numbers:

Short Form: D-1, D-1(S) and possibly other languages
Long Form: D-2, D-2(S) and possibly other languages

Update/Leave: D-1(UL), D-2(UL), D-1A(UL), D-2A(UL)

Enumerator Forms: D-1E, D-2E, D-1(E)SUPP, D-2(E)SUPP

Household Follow-up: D-1(HF), D-2(HF), D-1(HF)(S), D-2(HF)(S)

Be Counted Forms: D-10, D-10(S) and possibly other languages

Advance Census Report: D-13

Individual Census Questionnaires: D-15A, D-15B

Individual Census Reports: D-20A, D-20A(S), D-20B, D-20B(S)

Military Census Report: D-21

Shipboard Census Report: D-23

Letters/Cards/Notices: D-5(L), D-5(L)(UL), D-9, D-9(UL), D-11, D-1E(S), D-2E(S), D-1(F), D-16A(L), D-16B(L) and possibly other languages, D-16A(L)(UL), D-16B(L)UL, D-19A(L), D-19B(L), D-19C(L), D-19A(L)(S), D-19B(L)(S), D-19C(L)(S), D-26, D-27, D-28, D-31, D-31(P), D-3309

Reinterview: D-806

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 106,200,000 households (approx.) (Short Form: 83%; Long form: 17%)

Reinterview: 1,200,000 households.

Estimated Time Per Response: Short Form: 10 minutes, Long Form: 38 minutes, Reinterview: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Short Form: 14,691,000 hours, Long Form: 11,434,200 hours, Reinterview: 100,000 hours, Total: 26,225,200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to respondent is that of their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 141 and 193.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 23-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 87—Lake Charles, LA; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District (a.k.a. the Port of Lake Charles), grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 87, requesting authority to expand its zone in Lake Charles, Louisiana, within the Lake Charles Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on April 22, 1998.

FTZ 87 was approved on July 22, 1983 (Board Order 217, 48 FR 35478, 8/4/83). The zone project currently consists of four sites along the Calcasieu River and Ship Channel and the Industrial Canal: *Site 1* (463 acres)—general cargo area of the Port of Lake Charles, Lake Charles; *Site 2* (360 acres)—industrial area on both sides of the Industrial Canal, some 12 miles south of the general cargo area, Lake Charles; *Site 3* (11 acres)—warehouse facility at Fournet and Ford Streets, Lake Charles; and, *Site 4* (3 acres)—warehouse facility at 3001 Industrial Avenue, Lake Charles.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include two new sites (924 acres) in Calcasieu Parish (Proposed Sites 5 and 6): *Proposed Site 5* (391 acres)—Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District's Industrial Park East, Highway 397, Lake Charles; and, *Proposed Site 6* (533 acres, 3 parcels at the Chennault Airpark)—*Parcel 1* (523 acres)—3650 J. Bennett Johnston Avenue, Lake Charles; *Parcel 2* (9 acres)—East Broad Street, Lake Charles; and, *Parcel 3* (1 acre)—Avenue C, Lake Charles. Proposed Site 5 was recently acquired by the Port. Proposed Site 6 is adjacent to Proposed Site 5 and is owned by area governmental entities and is leased to the Chennault International Airport Authority. Both sites are designated state enterprise zones. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be