

approval for a few replacement questions in the reinterview instrument. The core SIPP instrument, Wave 1 topical modules, and reinterview instrument were cleared previously. The reinterview instrument will be used for quality control purposes. We are also seeking continued clearance for the SIPP Methods Panel instrument field testing to be conducted in June and July 2001. The test targets SIPP Wave 1 items and sections that require thorough and rigorous testing in order to improve the quality of core data. The experiment is conducted under the direction of the Methods Panel Team, which is committed to delivering an improved and less burdensome instrument for use in the 2004 SIPP Panel.

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years, with each panel having durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2001 SIPP Panel is scheduled for three years and will include nine waves beginning February 1, 2001.

The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules." The topical modules for the 2001 Panel Wave 2 are Work Disability History, Education and Training History, Marital History, Fertility History, Migration History, and Household Relationships. Wave 2 interviews will be conducted from June through September 2001.

Data provided by the SIPP are being used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare or transfer payment programs, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided

these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

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 Forms 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: January 25, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Economic Census Covering the Retail Trade and Accommodation and Food Services Sectors

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 March 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms 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 Fay Dorsett, U. S. Census Bureau, Room 2679, Building 3, Washington DC 20233-0001 (301-457-2687 or via the Internet at fdorsett@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy. Economic statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The 2002 Economic Census covering retail trade and accommodation and food services sectors (as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)) will measure the economic activity of more than 1.6 million establishments. The information collected will produce basic statistics by kind of business on the number of establishments, sales, payroll, and employment. It will also yield a variety of subject statistics, including sales by merchandise line, sales by class of customer, and other industry-specific measures. Primary strategies for reducing burden in Census Bureau economic data collections are to increase electronic reporting through broader use of computerized self-administered census questionnaires, on-line questionnaires, and other electronic data collection methods.

II. Method of Collection

A. Mail Selection Procedures

The retail trade and accommodation and food services sectors of the economic census will select establishments for their mail canvasses from the Census Bureau's Business Register. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) it must be classified in the retail trade or accommodation and food services sector; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment firm (i.e., a firm that operates at more than one physical location), or it must be a single-establishment firm with payroll (i.e., a firm operating at only one physical location); and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Mail selection procedures will distinguish the following groups of establishments:

1. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign all active operating establishments of multi-establishment firms to the mail component of the potential respondent universe. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for the retail trade and accommodation and food services sectors will include approximately 630,000 establishments of multi-establishment firms.

2. Single-Establishment Firms With Payroll

As an initial step in the selection process, we will conduct a study of the potential respondent universe. This study will produce a set of industry-specific payroll cutoffs that we will use to distinguish large versus small single-establishment firms within each industry or kind of business. This payroll size distinction will affect selection as follows:

(a) Large Single-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign single-establishment firms having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry to the mail component of the potential respondent universe. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for the retail trade and accommodation and food services sectors will include approximately 482,000 large single-establishment firms.

(b) Small Single-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign a sample of single-establishment firms having annualized payroll below the cutoff for their industry to the mail component of the potential respondent universe. Sampling strata and corresponding probabilities of selection will be determined by a study of the potential respondent universe conducted shortly before mail selection operations begin. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for the retail trade and accommodation and food services sectors will include approximately 114,000 small single-establishment firms selected in this sample.

All remaining single-establishment firms with payroll will be represented in the census by data from Federal administrative records. Generally, we will not include these small employers in the census mail canvasses. However, administrative records sometimes have fundamental industry classification deficiencies that make them unsuitable for use in producing detailed industry

statistics by geographic area. When we find such a deficiency, we will mail the firm a census classification form. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for the retail trade and accommodation and food services sectors will include approximately 387,000 small single-establishment firms that receive these forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: The 33 standard and seven classification forms used to collect information from businesses in these sectors of the Economic Census are tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice. Requests for information on the proposed content of the forms should be directed to Fay Dorsett, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2679, Building 3, Washington DC 20233-0001 (301-457-2687 or via the Internet at fdorsett@census.gov).

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: State or local governments, businesses, or other for profit or non-profit institutions or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Retail Trade (Standard Form)—838,000
Retail Trade (Classification Form)—169,000
Accommodation and Food Services (Standard Form)—386,000
Accommodation and Food Services (Classification Form)—218,000
Total—1,611,000

Estimated Time Per Response:

Retail Trade (Standard Form)—1.00 hours
Retail Trade (Classification Form)—.20 hours
Accommodation and Food Services (Standard Form)—.95 hours
Accommodation and Food Services (Classification Form)—.20 hours
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

Retail Trade (Standard Form)—838,000
Retail Trade (Classification Form)—33,800
Accommodation and Food Services (Standard Form)—366,700
Accommodation and Food Services (Classification Form)—43,600
Total—1,282,100

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

Retail Trade (Standard Form)—\$12,838,160
Retail Trade (Classification Form)—\$517,816
Accommodation and Food Services (Standard Form)—\$5,617,844
Accommodation and Food Services (Classification Form)—\$667,952
Total—\$19,641,772

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, USC, Sections 131 and 224.

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: January 22, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Economic Census Covering the Wholesale Trade Sector

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 April 2, 2001.

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

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