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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 5 of the 2004 Panel

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 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 January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Judith H. Eargle, Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3387, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 763-3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels. New panels are introduced every few years with each panel usually having durations of one to four years. Respondents are interviewed at 4-month intervals or "waves" over the life of the panel. The survey is

molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of the panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to address specific needs, such as obtaining information on adult well-being, school enrollment and financing, child support agreements, support for non-household members, adult and child functional limitations and disability, and employer provided health benefits. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules."

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, 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.

The 2004 Panel is currently scheduled for 4 years and will include 12 waves of interviewing, which began in February 2004. Approximately 62,000 households were selected for the 2004 Panel, of which, 46,500 are expected to be interviewed. We estimate that each household will contain 2.1 people, yielding 97,650 interviews in Wave 1 and subsequent waves. Interviews take 30 minutes on average. Three waves of interviewing will occur in the 2004 SIPP Panel during FY 2005. The total annual burden for 2004 Panel SIPP interviews will be 146,475 hours in FY 2005.

The topical modules for the 2004 Panel Wave 5 collect information about:

- Employer Provided Health Benefits.
- School Enrollment and Financing.
- Functional Limitations and Disability—Adults and Children.
- Support for Non-Household Members.
- Child Support Agreements.
- Adult Well-being.

Wave 5 interviews will be conducted from June 2005 through September 2005.

A 10-minute reinterview of 3,100 people is conducted at each wave to ensure accuracy of responses. Reinterviews will require an additional 1,553 burden hours in FY 2005.

II. Method of Collection

During the 2004 Panel, respondents are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. Sample people (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP primary sampling unit will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Individuals 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these individuals move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0905.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 97,650 people per wave.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per person on average.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 148,028.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to respondents is their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 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 or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 9, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey

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 January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Scott Scheleur, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2626-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey provides estimates of monthly retail sales, end-of-month merchandise inventories, and quarterly e-commerce sales of retailers in the United States by selected kinds of business. Also, it provides monthly sales of food service establishments. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses this information to prepare the

National Income and Products Accounts and to benchmark the annual input-output tables. Statistics provided from the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey are used to calculate the gross domestic product (GDP).

Estimates produced from the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey are based on a probability sample. The sample design consists of one fixed panel where all cases are requested to report sales and/or inventories each month.

Listed below are the series of retail form numbers and a description of each form:

Series	Description
SM-44(00)S	Non Department Store/Sales Only/WO E-Commerce.
SM-44(00)SE	Non Department Store/Sales Only W E-Commerce.
SM-44(00)SS	Non Department Store/Sales Only/Screenener.
SM-44(00)B	Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/WO E-Comm.
SM-44(00)BE	Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/W E-Comm.
SM-44(00)BS	Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/Screenener.
SM-44(00)L	Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/LIFO/WO E-Comm.
SM-44(00)LE	Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/LIFO/W E-Comm.
SM-44(00)LS	Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/LIFO/Screenener.
SM-45(00)S	Department Store/Sales Only/WO E-Commerce.
SM-45(00)SE	Department Store/Sales Only/W E-Commerce.
SM-45(00)SS	Department Store/Sales Only/Screenener.
SM-45(00)B	Department Store/Sales and Inventory/WO E-Commerce.
SM-45(00)BE	Department Store/Sales and Inventory/W E-Commerce.
SM-45(00)BS	Department Store/Sales and Inventory/Screenener.
SM-72(00)S	Food Services/Sales Only/WO E-Commerce.
SM-20(00)I ..	Non Department and Department Store/Inventory Only.
SM-20(00)L	Non Department and Department Store/Inventory Only/LIFO.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail, fax, and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0717.

Form Number: See above.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Retail and food services firms in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 7.8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondents for fiscal year 2005 is estimated to be \$377,440 based on the median hourly salary of \$23.59 for accountants and auditors. (Occupational Employment Statistics-Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2003 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, \$23.59 represents the median hourly wage of the full-time wage and salary earnings of accountants and auditors SOC code 13-2011.) http://stats.bls.gov/oes/2003/may/oes_13Bu.htm.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 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 estimates 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2005 Census Survey of Maricopa County, AZ (CSMA)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and