

and used structures and equipment. The ACES is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on actual business spending by domestic, private, nonfarm businesses operating in the United States. Major changes from the 1995 collection of ACES data are the annual collection of data form businesses with one to four employees and nonemployers, and a request from employer businesses for data on total company sales and receipts, and sales and receipts for the three ACES industries with the largest sales and receipts.

Business spending data are used to evaluate the quality of estimates of gross domestic product, develop monetary policy, analyze business asset depreciation, and improve estimates of capital stock for productivity analysis. Industry analysts use these data for market analysis, economic forecasting, identifying business opportunities, product development, and business planning.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: (Title 13 USC, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Study of Privacy Attitudes.

Form Number(s): None (automated instrument).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0822.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 396 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is interested in privacy issues—such as, the public's attitude toward individual privacy, the Census Bureau's privacy practices, and the potential use of administrative records and collecting Social Security numbers (SSNs—for several reasons. Most notable is the steady decline in response rates to the Census Bureau's mailed questionnaire in the last five decennial censuses, which may reflect the growing apathy toward and mistrust of the Federal government. A clear understanding of the public's beliefs regarding the Census Bureau and its practices may help decennial census planners offset the trend in declining responses rates and address new methods to acquire data. The purpose of this survey, along with former collections, is to:

Determine and clarify the public's opinion of: (1) The Federal government and Census Bureau in general; (2) the Census Bureau's privacy and confidentiality policies; (3) the extent to which the Census Bureau adheres to its own privacy guidelines; (4) the Census Bureau's expanded use of administrative records and possible interest in collecting SSNs in the future; (5) the notion of an "administrative records—only census" in 2010; and (6) the utility of adopting and communicating fair information use principles.

Assess change in the public's attitudes on privacy-related issues on a yearly basis. The 1996, 1997, and 1998 privacy studies, along with the inaugural survey—the 1995 Joint Program in Statistical Methods (JPSM) study, will help inform decisions on Census 2000. Beginning in 1999, privacy studies will be part of the research and experimentation program for the 2010 census.

The Study of Privacy Attitudes was formerly known as the "Study of Public Attitudes Towards Administrative Records Use (SPARU)." To maintain continuity, the content of the 1997 SPA questionnaire will be mostly the same as the 1996 SPARU. However, questions originally included in the 1995 JPSM survey that were left off the 1996 SPARU because of budgetary reasons will be reinstated for the 1997 SPA.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 141 and 193.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

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Bureau of the Census

Survey of Local Government Finances (School Systems), Forms F-33, F-33-1, and F33-L1

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 May 5, 1997.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sharon Meade, Bureau of the Census, Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-0001. Her telephone number is (301) 457-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau collects education finance data as part of its Annual Survey of State and Local Governments.