

since 1983 permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that will remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs, such as obtaining information on taxes, the ownership and contributions made to IRA, Keogh, 401K plans, examining patterns in respondent work schedules, and child care arrangements. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules."

The topical modules for the 1996 Panel Wave 10 collect information about: (1) Annual Income and Retirement Accounts, (2) Taxes, (3) Child Care, and (4) Work Schedule.

Wave 10 interviews will be conducted from April through July 1999.

II. Method of Collection

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every 4 years with each panel having a duration of 4 years in the survey. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. They are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample persons (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. Persons 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these persons move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample person.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0813.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 77,700.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per person.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 117,800.

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 and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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: Field Representative Exit Questionnaire.

Form Number(s): BC-1294, BC-1294(D).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0404.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 638 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,660 households.

Avg Hours Per Response: BC-1294 (5 minutes), BC-1294(D) (15 minutes).

Needs and Uses: The tremendous costs to replace interviewers who leave the Census Bureau continue to grow. Census Bureau interviewers collect data for ongoing current surveys and for the decennial census. These labor-intensive operations require a unique combination of technical knowledge and interpersonal skills. Finding the right person for the job is not easy and retaining that person increasingly

presents an additional challenge. If unchecked, interviewer turnover spawns a cycle of recruiting and training which is not only costly, but perhaps harmful to data quality as well. In a continuous effort to devise policies and practices aimed at reducing turnover among our field interviewing staff the Census Bureau needs to collect data on the reasons interviewers leave the Bureau. The exit questionnaire helps the Census Bureau identify specific reasons for the turnovers. Based on the survey results the Census Bureau can develop both general and specific plans to reduce turnover. If turnover can be reduced, the skyrocketing costs of recruiting, hiring, training, and managing a large staff of census interviewers can be reduced.

Approximately every month, a sample of one-half of all interviewers who work on current surveys (field representatives) who voluntarily resign within the sampling period will be contacted by telephone to complete a BC-1294 questionnaire. During the Year 2000, a sample of interviewers hired to conduct the census (enumerators) who have continuously been in a nonpay status for a period of two weeks will be contacted by telephone to complete a BC-1294(D) questionnaire. The Form BC-1294(D) will only be administered in Fiscal Year 2000.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 5, United States Code, Section 3101, and Title 13, United States Code, Section 23.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

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 5327, 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 Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

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