

Indian Child Welfare Act program directors who are the providers of ICWA services. The information is used to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian communities, assessment of the Indian Child Welfare program effectiveness, and to provide data for the annual program budget justification. The responses to this collection of information are voluntary and the aggregated report is not considered confidential. The public is not required to respond unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed.

II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments be submitted to the address provided above with a copy to the Bureau of Indian Affairs within 30 days on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Child Welfare Act Annual Report.

OMB Number: 1076-0131.

Affected Entities: Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on or near a tribally, or legally defined service area.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 554.

Estimated Time per Application: one-half hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 277 hours.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)) has submitted the proposed information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for approval of a form for the Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates. On June 5, 1998, the BIA published a Notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments. The comment period closed on August 5, 1998 and no comments were received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the documents contained in the information collection request may be obtained by contacting Miss Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-7435.

DATES: OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, your comments should be submitted to OMB by October 29, 1998 to assure maximum consideration.

ADDRESSES: Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202)-395-7340. Please provide a copy to Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-7435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information is mandated by Congress through Pub. L. 102-477, Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, Section 17. The Act requires the Secretary to develop, maintain and

publish, not less than biennially, a report on the population, by gender, income level, age, service area, and availability for work. The information is used by the U. S. Congress, other Federal Agencies, State and local governments and private sectors for the purpose of developing programs, planning, and to award financial assistance to American Indians. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is any person required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments be submitted to OMB at the address provided above with a copy to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by October 29, 1998 concerning the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates.

OMB Number: 1076-(new).

Affected Entities: Indian tribes and members who are living on or near a tribally, or by law, a legally defined service area.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 557.

Estimated Time per Application: 1/2 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 279 hours.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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