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Dated: March 2, 2004.

Carter Blakey,

Acting Director, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Eric J. Hentges,

Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Caird E. Rexroad Jr.,

Acting Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket Number 040217057-4057-01]

Estimates of the Voting Age Population for 2003

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: General notice announcing population estimates.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the voting age population estimates, as of July 1, 2003, for each state and the District of Columbia. We are giving this notice in accordance with the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(e).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Long, Chief, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Room 2011, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-2071.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the requirements of the 1976 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, Title 2, United States Code, Section 441a(e), I hereby give notice that the estimates of the voting age population for July 1, 2003, for each state and the District of Columbia are as shown in the following table.

ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF VOTING AGE FOR EACH STATE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: JULY 1, 2003

[In Thousands]

Area	Population 18 and over
United States	217,766
Alabama	3,393
Alaska	460
Arizona	4,061
Arkansas	2,044
California	26,064
Colorado	3,398
Connecticut	2,648
Delaware	619
District of Columbia	455
Florida	13,095
Georgia	6,388
Hawaii	960
Idaho	994
Illinois	9,423
Indiana	4,592
Iowa	2,251
Kansas	2,028
Kentucky	3,124
Louisiana	3,319
Maine	1,019
Maryland	4,131
Massachusetts	4,946
Michigan	7,541
Minnesota	3,811
Mississippi	2,120
Missouri	4,297
Montana	702
Nebraska	1,298
Nevada	1,660
New Hampshire	981
New Jersey	6,507
New Mexico	1,373
New York	14,657
North Carolina	6,320
North Dakota	487
Ohio	8,621
Oklahoma	2,633
Oregon	2,710
Pennsylvania	9,535
Rhode Island	832
South Carolina	3,124
South Dakota	569
Tennessee	4,447
Texas	15,878
Utah	1,609
Vermont	482
Virginia	5,588
Washington	4,635
West Virginia	1,419
Wisconsin	4,139
Wyoming	380

I have certified these counts to the Federal Election Commission.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

Donald L. Evans,

Secretary, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 3 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 May 10, 2004.

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 about assets, liabilities, and child well-being, as well as expenses related to work, health care, and child support. 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 3 collect information about:

- Medical Expenses and Utilization of Health Care (Adults and Children)
- Work Related Expenses and Child Support Paid
- Assets, Liabilities, and Eligibility
- Child Well-Being

Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from October 2004 through January 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

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 1 to 4 years. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. During the 2004 panel, respondents are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. 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: March 4, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Quarterly Financial Report

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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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)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Yolando M. St. George, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 1282-3, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 763-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) Program is planning to resubmit for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) its four data collection forms: Quarterly Financial Report Forms QFR-101 (MG)—long form (Sent quarterly to Manufacturing, Mining, and Wholesale Trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more at time of sampling), QFR-102 (TR)—long form (Sent quarterly to Retail Trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more at time of sampling), QFR-101A (MG)—short form (Sent quarterly to Manufacturing corporations with assets of less than \$50 million at time of sampling), and QFR-103 (NB)—Nature of Business Report (Sent at the beginning of sampling selection and at 2-year intervals if the corporation is included in the sample for more than eight quarters). The current expiration for these forms is July 31, 2004.

The QFR Program has published up-to-date aggregate statistics on the financial results and position of U.S. corporations since 1947. It is a principal economic indicator that also provides financial data essential to calculation of key Government measures of national economic performance. The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, Section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 105-252 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR Program under Section 91 through September 30, 2005.