

The Census Bureau uses the Survey of Building and Zoning Permit Systems to obtain information from state and local building permit officials needed for updating the universe of permit-issuing places. The questions pertain to the legal requirements for issuing building or zoning permits in the local jurisdictions. Information is obtained on such items as geographic coverage and types of construction for which permits are issued.

The universe of permit-issuing places is the sampling frame for the Building Permits Survey (BPS) and the Survey of Construction (SOC). These two sample surveys provide widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits and Housing Starts.

II. Method of Collection

The form is sent to a jurisdiction when the Census Bureau has reason to believe that a new permit system has been established or an existing one has changed, based on information from a variety of sources including survey respondents, regional councils and the Census Bureau's Geography Division which keeps abreast of changes in corporate status.

III. Data

- OMB Number: 0607-0350.
- Form Number: C-411.
- Type of Review: Regular submission.
- Affected Public: State or local government.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.
- Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.
- Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.
- Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.
- 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: April 15, 2008.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Industrial Reports Surveys (Mandatory and Voluntary Surveys)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.
ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 2008.

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 Mendel D. Gayle, Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Rd. Rm. 7K055, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-4587 or via the Internet at mendel.d.gayle@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a revision of the currently approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) Program. The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. Individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts use the results of these surveys extensively in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis and annual collections are mandatory. The collection frequency of individual CIR surveys is determined by the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring, or the use of data in Government economic indicator series. Some monthly and quarterly CIR surveys have an annual "counterpart" collection. The annual counterpart collects annual data on a mandatory basis from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Previously, the CIR surveys were divided among three separate waves and submitted separately for OMB review. Due to the reduced number of surveys in the CIR program, the CIR surveys are being combined into one wave. The surveys included are:

| Mandatory surveys | Voluntary surveys |
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| MA311D—Confectionery | *M336G—Civil Aircraft and Aircraft Engines |
| MA325F—Paint and Allied Products | *M327G—Glass Containers |
| MA327C—Refractories | *MQ325B—Fertilizer Materials |
| MA331B—Steel Mill Products | *MQ327D—Clay Construction Products |
| MA332Q—Antifriction Bearings | *MQ315B—Socks |
| MA333A—Farm Machinery | *MQ311A—Flour Milling Products |
| MA333M—Air Conditioning and Refrigeration | *MQ325A—Inorganic Chemicals |

| Mandatory surveys | Voluntary surveys |
|---|--|
| MA333N—Fluid Power Products for Motion Control (Including Aerospace) MA335F—Major Household Appliances MA335K—Wiring Devices and Supplies MA314Q—Carpets and Rugs MA321T—Lumber Production and Mill Stocks MA325G—Pharmaceutical Preparations, except Biologicals MA333P—Pumps and Compressors MA335E—Electric Housewares and Fans MA335J—Insulated Wire and Cable MA336G—Aerospace Industry M311H—Fats and Oils (Warehouse) M311L—Fats and Oils (Renderers) M311M—Fats and Oils (Consumers) M311N—Fats and Oils (Producers) MA327E—Consumer, Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Glassware MA333D—Construction Machinery MA333F—Mining, Machinery and Mineral Processing Equipment MA334C—Control Instruments MA334D—Defense, Navigational, & Aerospace Electronics MA334T—Meters & Test Devices MA334M—Consumer Electronics MA334Q—Semiconductors, Printed Circuit Boards, and Other Electronic Components MA336G—Aerospace Industry M311J—Oilseeds, Beans, and Nuts (Primary Producers) M313N—Cotton and Raw Linters in Public Storage M313P—Consumption on the Cotton System and Stocks MQ313A—Textiles MQ315A—Apparel MQ333W—Metalworking Machinery M311C—Corn (Wet & Dry Producers of Ethanol) | MQ325F—Paint, Varnish, and Lacquer MQ334P—Telecommunications MQ334R—Computers & Peripheral Equipment *These voluntary surveys have mandatory annual counterparts. |

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. It is requested that respondents return monthly report forms within 10 days, quarterly report forms within 15 days, and annual report forms within 30 days of the initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or letters encouraging participation will be mailed to respondents who have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0476.

Form Number: See Chart Above.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,184.

Estimated Time per Response: 49 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 28,280.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory, voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, sections 61, 182, 224, and 225.

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