

sponsored surveys, or other corresponding collection authorities for surveys sponsored by other Federal agencies. We do not now know what other titles will be referenced, since we do not know what survey questionnaires will be pretested during the course of the clearance.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**U.S. Census Bureau**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

**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 the proposed 2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Daniel Doyle, U.S. Census Bureau, ADDP, HQ-7H051, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233-0001, (301) 763-5304 (or via the Internet at [Daniel.P.Doyle@census.gov](mailto:Daniel.P.Doyle@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') Health Resources Services Administration's (HRSA) National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA), the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) is conducted to assist in fulfilling the Congressional mandates of the Public Health Service Act 42 U.S.C. Section 294n(b)(2)(A), foster the development of information describing and analyzing the health care workforce and workforce related issues and provide necessary information for decision-making regarding future directions in health professions and nursing programs in response to societal and professional needs. In addition, Public Health Service Act 42 U.S.C. Section 295k(a)-(b), the Secretary shall establish a program, including a uniform health professions data reporting system, to collect, compile, and analyze data on health professions personnel. The Secretary is authorized to expand the program to include, whenever he determines it necessary, the collection, compilation, and analysis of data, health care administration personnel, nurses, allied health personnel in States designated by the Secretary to be included in the program. The NSSRN is designed to obtain the necessary data to determine the characteristics and distribution of Registered Nurses (RNs) throughout the United States, as well as emerging patterns in their employment characteristics. These data will provide the means for the evaluation and assessment of the evolving demographics, educational qualifications, and career employment patterns of RNs, consistent with the goals of congressional mandates of the Public Health Service Act 42 U.S.C. Section 294n(b)(2)(A) and Section 295k(a)-(b). Such data have become particularly important for the need to better understand workforce issues given the recent dynamic change in the RN population and, the transformation of the healthcare system.

The proposed survey design for the 2018 NSSRN will include a probability sample (100,000 RNs) selected from a sampling frame compiled from files provided by the State Boards of Nursing and the National Council of the State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). These files constitute a sampling frame of all RNs licensed in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Sampling rates are set for each state based on considerations of statistical precision of the estimates and the costs involved in obtaining reliable national and state-level estimates. The

survey will be multi-mode offering respondents the opportunity to participate via a web instrument and a paper questionnaire.

The 2018 NSSRN project includes plans to experimentally test the efficacy of a non-monetary incentive (that is, whether offering a pen and lanyard as a token of appreciation increases response, thus reducing non-response bias and reducing costs associated with follow-up). Additionally, the project will test contact materials, and test modifications to data collection strategies based on response from prior contact strategies.

In addition to testing non-monetary incentives, the 2018 NSSRN will evaluate different non-response follow-up mailing strategies by testing for response improvements using different envelopes to deliver the survey materials. One of these strategies utilizes testing a pressure-sealed reminder postcard scheduled to be mailed approximately one week after the initial survey invite mailing. This strategy is being implemented to decrease the time gap during mailings and is more cost-effective than sending an additional paper questionnaire packet. The ability to send reminders enclosed with the pressure-seal system allows for the secure delivery of login information for the NSSRN web instrument as well as specific information about the survey.

Third, we plan to experimentally evaluate the impact of adding a supplemental fact sheet with important statistics from prior NSSRN administrations. During the initial mailing, inserts with important NSSRN facts will be tested.

Finally, for respondents who experience technical problems with the web instrument, have questions about the survey, or need other forms of assistance, the 2018 NSSRN will have a Telephone Questionnaire Assistance (TQA) line available. TQA staff will not only be able to answer respondent questions and concerns, but also they will have the ability to collect survey responses over the phone, using an administrative access to the web instrument, if the respondent calls in and would like to have interviewer assistance in completing the interview.

**II. Methods of Collection**

*Web-Push*

The production 2018 NSSRN plan for the web-push data collection design includes 80% of the 100,000 RNs receiving an initial invite with instructions on how to complete the questionnaire via the web. The web-

push production sample of 80,000 is broken out into two non-monetary incentive groups: The majority, 70,000 RNs, will receive a lanyard and pen; a small group, 10,000 RNs, will receive no incentive so that the effectiveness of the non-monetary incentive can be evaluated. No additional incentives are planned for subsequent follow-up reminders or paper questionnaire mailings.

#### Mixed-Mode

The remaining 20% of the sampled RNs will be mailed an initial invite with instructions on how to complete the questionnaire via the web, in addition to a paper questionnaire in the packet. This group of 20,000 RNs is broken out so that 10,000 receive a lanyard and pen, and a smaller group, 10,000 RNs, receive no incentive so that the effectiveness of the non-monetary incentive can be evaluated.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-####.

*Form Number:* NSSRN.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Nurses, researchers, and policymakers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 65,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 25 minutes per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 27,083 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Census Authority: 13 U.S.C. Section 8(b).

*HRSA Authority:* Public Service Act 42 U.S.C. Section 294n(b)(2)(A) and 42 U.S.C. Section 295k(a)–(b).

*Confidentiality:* The data collected under this agreement are confidential under 13 U.S.C. Section 9. All access to Title 13 data from this survey is restricted to those holding Census Bureau Special Sworn Status pursuant to 13 U.S.C. Section 23(c).

#### 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

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#### Request for Comment; Notice of Development of Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (To Define and Measure the Economic Impact of Outdoor Recreation)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of development of satellite account to define and measure the outdoor recreation economy; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and Federal Recreation Council (FRC) are soliciting comments from the public on the development of a new set of national statistics that would provide information on the economic activity generated by outdoor recreation in the United States as authorized by the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Impact Act of 2016, Public Law 114-249.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments via email to [OutdoorRecreation@bea.gov](mailto:OutdoorRecreation@bea.gov). Comments sent by any other method or after the comment period may not be considered. All comments are a part of the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Howells, Chief, Industry Analysis Division (BE-53), Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233; phone: (301) 278-9586 or via email at [thomas.howells@bea.gov](mailto:thomas.howells@bea.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In September 2016, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) entered an interagency agreement with agencies of the Federal Recreation Council (FRC). The FRC is composed of the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The interagency agreement seeks to develop an Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA). The seven agencies that make up the FRC are prominent stewards of federal public lands and waters for outdoor recreation, and BEA is one of the U.S. government's premier producers of official economic statistics.

The ORSA will provide a first-of-its-kind look at the outdoor recreation economy. While BEA's current gross domestic product (GDP) statistics already embed economic activity associated with outdoor recreation, the new satellite account will allow these activities to be separately identified and highlighted in a way not possible with current statistics. Ultimately, creation of the ORSA will provide detailed data that will deepen the public's understanding of the economic impact of outdoor recreation. This will inform decision making and improve governance and long-term management of public lands and waters. The first major step in this effort is to define the range of activities encompassed by the outdoor recreation economy. In evaluating potential definitions, BEA and FRC will consider public comment as well as input from subject matter experts in the field of outdoor economics. The ORSA research team will then develop two or three potential definitions ranging in scope from narrow to broad. The range of activities in each definition will determine which industries and detailed goods and services measured by BEA will be classified as in scope, out of scope, or partially in scope for the outdoor recreation economy.

Once these initial definitions have been established, the second major step will be to review the list of partially-in-scope goods and services, and identify data sources and methodologies by which the in-scope share of these "partial" items can be estimated. Finally, using the information collected in the first two steps, prototype national-level estimates of economic activity will be developed that could include measures of output, value added, compensation of employees, and employment in the outdoor recreation economy. BEA invites email comments from the general public, private industry, state and local governments, non-profit organizations, and other interested parties. In particular, we are interested in feedback regarding the following: