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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement**

**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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before July 9, 2018.

**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 Lisa Cheok, U.S. Census Bureau, ADDP/CPS HQ-7H136A, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 763-3806 (or via the internet at [dsd.cps@census.gov](mailto:dsd.cps@census.gov)).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

##### **I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to request clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of data concerning the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to be conducted in conjunction with the February, March, and April Current Population Survey (CPS). The Census Bureau has conducted this supplement annually for more than 50 years. The Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics sponsor this supplement. The current clearance expires December 31, 2018.

The ASEC data collection was last redesigned in 2015. For 2019, the data collection questions and design will

remain identical to the version fielded since 2015.

Information on work experience, personal income, noncash benefits, current and previous year health insurance coverage, employer-sponsored insurance take-up, and migration is collected through the ASEC. The work experience items in the ASEC provide a unique measure of the dynamic nature of the labor force as viewed over a one-year period. These items produce statistics that show movements in and out of the labor force by measuring the number of periods of unemployment experienced by people, the number of different employers worked for during the year, the principal reasons for unemployment, and part-/full-time attachment to the labor force. We can make indirect measurements of discouraged workers and others with a casual attachment to the labor market.

The income data from the ASEC are used by social planners, economists, government officials, and market researchers to gauge the economic well-being of the country as a whole, and selected population groups of interest. Government planners and researchers use these data to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of various assistance programs. Market researchers use these data to identify and isolate potential customers. Social planners use these data to forecast economic conditions and to identify special groups that seem to be especially sensitive to economic fluctuations. Economists use ASEC data to determine the effects of various economic forces, such as inflation, recession, recovery, and so on, and their differential effects on various population groups.

The ASEC is the official source of national poverty estimates calculated in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive 14. Two other important national estimates derived from the ASEC are real median household income and the number and percent of individuals without health insurance coverage.

The ASEC also contains questions related to: (1) Medical expenditures; (2) presence and cost of a mortgage on property; (3) child support payments; and (4) amount of child care assistance received. These questions enable analysts and policymakers to obtain better estimates of family and household income, and more precisely gauge poverty status.

##### **II. Method of Collection**

The ASEC information will be collected by both personal visit and

telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular February, March and April CPS interviewing. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

##### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0354.

*Form Number:* There are no forms. We conduct all interviewing on computers.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Households.

*Frequency:* Annually

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 78,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 25 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 32,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* There are no costs to the respondents other than their time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 182; and Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1-9.

##### **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.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit 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.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Annual Survey of School System Finances.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0700.

*Form Number(s):* F-33, F-33-L1, F-33-L2, F-33-L3.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,681.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1 hour and 4 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 3,951.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), requests an extension of approval for the Annual Survey of School System Finances, the source of the most comprehensive national data set on school district finances.

The Census Bureau collects these data from the universe of school districts using uniform definitions and concepts of revenue, expenditure, debt, and assets as defined by the NCES handbook *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems*. This survey and the Annual Surveys of State and Local Government Finances (OMB No. 0607-0585) are conducted as part of the Census Bureau's State and Local Government Finance program. Through this program, the Census Bureau collects data from cities, counties, states, and special district governments as well as local school systems in order to produce state and national totals of government spending. Local school system spending comprises a significant portion of total government spending. In 2015, public elementary-secondary expenditures accounted for 34 percent of local government spending.

This comprehensive and ongoing time series collection of local education agency finances, dating back to 1957, provides historical continuity in the state and local government statistics community. Education finance statistics provided by the Census Bureau allow for analyses of how public elementary-secondary school systems receive and spend funds and is vital for policy making. Increased focus on education has led to a demand for data reflecting student performance, graduation rates, and school finance policy—all of which are related to the collection of this local education finance data. State legislatures, local leaders, university researchers, and parents increasingly rely on data to make substantive decisions about education.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses data from the survey to develop figures for the Gross Domestic

Product (GDP). Elementary-secondary education finance data items specifically contribute to the estimates for National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA), Input-Output accounts (I-O), and gross domestic investments. BEA also uses the data to assess other public fiscal spending trends and events.

The NCES use these annual data as part of the Common Core of Data (CCD) program. The education finance data collected by the Census Bureau are the sole source of school district fiscal information for the CCD as well as for the publication of annual reports on the fiscal state of education.

Form (F-33) covers elementary-secondary education finance items. In practice, this form serves more as a data processing guide rather than as a data collection instrument because the Census Bureau relies heavily on collecting this public school system finance data centrally from state education agencies centrally via the internet using File Transfer Protocol (FTP). Supplemental forms are sent to school systems in states where the state education agency cannot provide information on assets (F-33-L1), indebtedness (F-33-L2), or both (F-33-L3).

The Census Bureau makes available detailed files for all school systems from its internet website, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/school-finances.html>. That website currently contains data files and statistical tables for the 1992 through 2015 fiscal year surveys. Historical files and publications prior to 1992 are also available upon request for data users engaged in longitudinal studies. In addition to numerous academic researchers who use F-33 products, staff receive inquiries from state government officials, legislatures, public policy analysts, local school officials, non-profit organizations, and various Federal agencies.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 8(b), 161, and 182 (Census authority); Title 20 U.S.C., Sections 9543-44 (NCES authority).

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

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-44-2018]

#### Approval of Subzone Status; Brose Tuscaloosa, Inc. Vance, Alabama

On March 6, 2018, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the City of Birmingham, grantee of FTZ 98, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 98, on behalf of Brose Tuscaloosa, Inc., in Vance, Alabama.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (83 FR 10657, March 12, 2018). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board Executive Secretary (15 CFR Sec. 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 98E was approved on May 1, 2018, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 98's 611.80-acre activation limit.

Dated: May 3, 2018.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-39-2018]

#### Approval of Subzone Status; CEVA Freight LLC; Mount Juliet and Lebanon, Tennessee

On February 26, 2018, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, grantee of FTZ 78, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 78, on behalf of CEVA Freight LLC in Mount Juliet and Lebanon, Tennessee.