

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50,025.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Annually; Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 5,667,276.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission public business meeting.

DATES: Thursday January 30, 2020, 10:30 a.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Meeting to take place by telephone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public by telephone only: 1-800-6357637, Conference ID 936-8854. Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at access@usccr.gov at least seven (7) business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Business Meeting

A. Discussion and vote on Chair for Arkansas Advisory Committee to the Commission

B. Discussion and vote on timeline, discovery plan, and outline for Commission project on maternal health disparities

C. Management and Operations

- Staff Director's Report

III. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: January 16, 2020.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

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: Monthly Retail Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0717.

Form Number(s): MRTS: SM-44(17)S, SM-44(17)SE, SM-44(17)SS, SM-44(17)B, SM-44(17)BE, SM-44(17)BS, SM-72(17)S, and SM-20(17)I; MARTS: SM-44(17)A, SM-44(17)AE, SM-44(17)AS, and SM-72(17)A.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Average Hours per Response: 7 minutes.

Burden Hours: 18,200.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests an extension of the Monthly Retail Surveys (MRS). The MRS is comprised of two surveys known as the Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS) and the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MARTS). The MRS are administered monthly to a sample of employer firms (i.e., businesses with paid employees) with establishments located in the United States and classified in retail trade and/or food services sectors as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The MRTS provides estimates of monthly retail sales, end-of-month merchandise inventories, and quarterly e-commerce sales of retailers in the United States. In addition, the survey also provides an estimate of monthly sales at food service establishments and drinking places.

Sales, inventories, and e-commerce data provide a current statistical picture of the retail portion of consumer activity. The sales and inventories estimate in the MRTS measure current trends of economic activity that occur in the United States. The survey estimates provide valuable information for economic policy decisions and actions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and others for market research and analysis. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses these data in determining the consumption portion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The MARTS, a subsample of MRTS, began in 1953 as a monthly survey for

activity taking place during the previous month. The MARTS was developed in response to requests by government, business, and other users to provide an early indication of current retail trade activity in the United States. Retail sales are one of the primary measures of consumer demand for both durable and non-durable goods. The MARTS also provide an estimate of monthly sales at food service establishments and drinking places.

The estimates produced in the MRS are critical to the accurate measurement of total economic activity. The estimates of retail sales represent all operating receipts, including receipts from wholesale sales made at retail locations and services rendered as part of the sale of the goods, by businesses that primarily sell at retail. The sales estimates include sales made on credit as well as on a cash basis but exclude receipts from sales taxes and interest charges from credit sales. Also excluded is non-operating income from such services as investments and real estate.

The estimates of merchandise inventories owned by retailers represent all merchandise located in retail stores, warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to retail establishments. The estimates of merchandise inventories exclude fixtures and supplies not held for sale, as well as merchandise held on consignment owned by others. The BEA use inventories data to determine the investment portion of the GDP. We publish retail sales and inventories estimates based on the NAICS.

Sales data for select industries are released in the press release "Advance Monthly Sales for Retail Trade and Food Services," approximately 15 days after the close of the reference month, which also includes more detailed estimates for the prior month. Advance inventory estimates for 3 aggregate levels are released in the "Advance Economic Indicator Report" approximately 27 days after the close of the reference month and the preliminary estimates for inventories data are released in the "Manufacturing and Trade Inventories and Sales" approximately 40 days after the reference month.

Retail e-commerce sales are estimated from the same sample used to estimate preliminary and final U.S. retail sales. For coverage of the universe of e-commerce retailers, research was conducted to ensure that retail firms selected in the MRTS sample engaged in e-commerce. E-commerce sales estimates are released quarterly as part of the "Quarterly Retail Ecommerce Sales" report, approximately 50 days following the reference period.