

Management and Budget under the emergency processing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Although that process allowed us to implement the collections in a timely manner, information collections cleared under the emergency processing provisions of the PRA are limited to a 6-month clearance period. This hampered our efforts to collect data on an ongoing basis as the Pandemic continued throughout 2020 and beyond. We believe that a generic clearance will benefit the Census Bureau, the reporting public, and the many stakeholders who will have great need for information during times of future unanticipated events.

Procedurally, the generic clearance will operate in the following manner. The Census Bureau will first obtain OMB clearance under the regular processing provisions of the PRA for the initial generic clearance. The clearance request will define the scope and overall burden of information collections to be conducted under the generic clearance. As future triggering emergencies arise, the Census Bureau will submit quick turnaround requests to OMB which will document the circumstances requiring the EEIC and will include the specific question(s) to be asked. The questions will be chosen from a pretested bank of questions. The question bank will be submitted to OMB for approval along with the initial generic clearance request. The Census Bureau will ask that OMB review and act on requests for individual EEIC's within 72 hours. Information collections conducted under the generic clearance will last a maximum of 6 months. A new quick turnaround request may be submitted under the generic clearance if the Census Bureau determines the need to continue the collection past 6 months.

Events that could trigger the need for an EEIC may have global, national, or regional impact and may include:

- Pandemic or other health emergency
- Natural or manmade disaster
- New legislation
- Economic crisis

As mentioned above, the Census Bureau is developing and cognitively testing a question bank it will utilize to create EEICs. The question bank may, for some subjects, include specific questionnaire content. In other cases, the bank may include topics which will then be addressed with questions developed to meet data needs that arise during a future unknown event.

As data collections will be tailored to the emergency, users of the data may vary, but may include: Federal, state, or local officials charged with decision-

making during the emergency; business leaders and policymakers wishing to develop plans to ameliorate the effects of the emergency; academics and members of the press wishing to study and disseminate information about the emergency; and the public. The data collected would help us understand how and why data we collect in our ongoing surveys may be affected by the emergency, as well as allow us to disseminate data as part of existing releases, new releases, or experimental releases.

## II. Method of Collection

EEIC questions may be included as supplemental questions on existing Census Bureau surveys or conducted as new surveys. The data will be collected by paper or electronic instruments, depending on the survey or program.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, Regular Submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* EEIC questions appearing on a voluntary collection would be voluntary. EEIC questions appearing on a mandatory collection would be mandatory. When an EEIC is conducted as a new survey, that survey will be voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* EEIC collections are authorized under Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131, 161, 182, and 196.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Survey of Children's Health**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 10, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* National Survey of Children's Health.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0990

*Form Number(s):* NSCH-S1 (English Screener), NSCH-T1 (English Topical for 0- to 5-year-old children), NSCH-T2 (English Topical for 6- to 11-year-old children), NSCH-T3 (English Topical for 12- to 17-year-old children), NSCH-S-S1 (Spanish Screener), NSCH-S-T1 (Spanish Topical for 0- to 5-year-old children), NSCH-S-T2 (Spanish Topical for 6- to 11-year-old children), and NSCH-S-T3 (Spanish Topical for 12- to 17-year-old children).

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 64,160 for the screener only and 50,658 for the combined screener and topical, for a total of 114,818 respondents.

*Average Hours per Response:* 5 minutes per screener response and 35–36 minutes per topical response, which in total is approximately 40–41 minutes for households with eligible children.

*Burden Hours:* 39,400.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) enables the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) along with supplemental sponsoring agencies, states, and other data users to produce national and state-based estimates on the health and well-being of children, their families, and their communities as well as estimates of the prevalence and impact of children with special health care needs.

Data will be collected using one of two modes. The first mode is a web instrument (Centurion) survey that contains the screener and topical instruments. The web instrument first will take the respondent through the screener questions. If the household screens into the study, the respondent will be taken directly into one of the three age-based topical sets of questions. The second mode is a mailout/mailback of a self-administered paper-and-pencil interviewing (PAPI) screener instrument followed by a separate mailout/mailback of a PAPI age-based topical instrument.

The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) is a large-scale (sample size is up to 300,000 addresses) national survey with up to 186,000 addresses included in the base production survey and approximately 114,000 addresses included as part of eight separate age-based, state-based, or region-based oversamples. The 2021 NSCH will include a topical incentive test. Prior cycles of the survey have included a \$5 unconditional cash incentive with the initial mailing of the paper topical questionnaire. The incentive has proven to be a cost-effective intervention for

increasing survey response and reducing nonresponse bias. The 2021 NSCH will test a \$10 cash incentive, with a focus on lower responding households.

As in prior cycles of the NSCH, there remain two key, non-experimental design elements. The first additional non-experimental design element is a \$5 screener cash incentive mailed to 90% of sampled addresses; the remaining 10% (the control) will receive no incentive to monitor the effectiveness of the cash incentive. This incentive is designed to increase response and reduce nonresponse bias. The incentive amount was chosen based on the results of the 2020 NSCH as well as funding availability. The second additional non-experimental design element is a data collection procedure based on the block group-level paper-only response probability used to identify households (30% of the sample) that would be more likely to respond by paper and send them a paper questionnaire in either the initial mailing or first nonresponse follow-up.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* The 2021 collection is the sixth administration of the NSCH. It is an annual survey, with a new sample drawn for each administration.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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

*HRSA MCHB Authority:* Title 42 U.S.C. Section 701(a)(2).

*United States Department of Agriculture Authority:* The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111–296. In particular, 42 U.S.C. 1769d(a) authorizes USDA to conduct research on the causes and consequences of childhood hunger included in 1769d(a)(4)(B), the geographic dispersion of childhood hunger and food insecurity.

*United States Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Authority:* Public Health Service Act, Section 301, 42 U.S.C. 241.

*United States Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Authority:* Sections 301(a), 307, and 399G of the Public Health Service [42 U.S.C. 241(a), 2421, and 280e-11], as amended.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the

Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607–0990.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census Scientific Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a virtual meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (CSAC). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including decennial, economic, field operations, information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments. Please visit the Census Advisory Committees website at <http://www.census.gov/cac> for the CSAC meeting information, including the agenda, and how to join the meeting.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on:

- Thursday, March 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, and
- Friday, March 19, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via the WebEx platform at the following presentation links:

- March 18, 2021: <https://uscensus.webex.com/uscensus/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee154a100916c6d1a7e86cbb55d5762ac>
- March 19, 2021: <https://uscensus.webex.com/uscensus/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8cb3b9b59bc61507d29c4118d48c7a71>