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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7075-N-09]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: 2024 Rental Housing Finance Survey; OMB Control No.: 2528-0276

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 12, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection can be submitted within 60 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 60-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and can be sent to: Anna Guido, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410-5000 or email at PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Guido, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Anna Guido at Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov, telephone 202-402-5535 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: 2024 Rental Housing Finance Survey.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0276.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS) provides a measure of financial, mortgage, and property characteristics of rental housing properties in the United States. RHFS focuses on mortgage financing of rental housing properties, with emphasis on new originations for purchase-money mortgages and refinancing, and the characteristics of these new originations.

The RHFS will collect data on property values of residential structures, characteristics of residential structures, rental status and rental value of units within the residential structures, commercial use of space within residential structures, property management status, ownership status, a detailed assessment of mortgage financing, and benefits received from

Federal, state, local, and non-governmental programs.

Many of the questions are the same or similar to those found on the 1995 Property Owners and Managers Survey, the rental housing portion of the 2001 Residential Finance Survey, and previous collections of the Rental Housing Finance Survey. This survey does not duplicate work done in other existent HUD surveys or studies that deal with rental units financing.

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and Congressional staff can use the survey's results to advise executive and legislative branches about the mortgage finance characteristics of the rental housing stock in the United States and the suitability of public policy initiatives. Academic researchers and private organizations will also utilize the data to facilitate their research and projects.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) needs the RHFS data for the following two reasons:

1. This is the only source of information on the rental housing finance characteristics of rental properties.

2. HUD needs this information to gain a better understanding of the mortgage finance characteristics of the rental housing stock in the United States to evaluate, monitor, and design HUD programs.

Members of affected public: Owners and managers of rental properties.

Estimated number of respondents: 10,000.

Estimated time per response: 60 minutes.

Frequency of response: One time every three years

Estimated total annual burden hours: 10,000.

Estimated total annual cost: The only cost to respondents is that of their time.

Respondent's obligation: Voluntary.

Legal authority: This survey is conducted under Title 13, U.S.C., Section 8b and Title 12, U.S.C., Section 1701z-1 et seq.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
RHFS	10,000	1	10,000	1	10,000	\$40.51	\$405,100

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comments in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

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General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7077-N-13]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Multifamily Housing, Office of Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Multifamily Housing, is modifying system of records for the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS). The modification will clarify the authority for maintenance of the system; routine uses of records in the system; practices for retrieval, policies and practices for retention and disposal of records, system location, system manager(s), and administrative updates to comply with the OMB Circular A-108 SORN template format.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before August 14, 2023. This proposed action will be effective immediately upon publication. Routine uses will become effective on the date following the end of the comment period unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number or by one of the following methods:

Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Fax: 202-619-8365.

Email: www.privacy@hud.gov.

Mail: Attention: Privacy Office; LaDonne White, Chief Privacy Officer;

Office of the Executive Secretariat; 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 10139; Washington, DC 20410-0001.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ladonne White; 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 10139; Washington, DC 20410-0001; telephone number (202) 708-3054 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This “Notice of a Modified System of Records” aligns the cited statutory authority with the broad purpose of the system, which has been and continues to be the collection of information for managing the Office of Multifamily Housing (MFH) Programs’ rental assistance programs. With this change, the cited authority now includes express citations for: the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) is being enhanced to comply with Presidential Executive Order 13985, released on January 20, 2021, “Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government,” that requires system modifications to collect ethnic and race data to evaluate whether HUD’s policies produce racially inequitable results when implemented and to ensure underserved communities are properly supported; HUD to share data match capability to enable the ability to establish eligibility for the Lifeline, EBB and other FTB programs for families which also participate in a HUD rental assistance program. HUD must develop an application protocol interface (API) with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as the federal administrator of the Universal Service Fund (USF or Fund) Lifeline Program (Lifeline), the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program and other Federal

Telecommunications Benefit (FTB) programs. The USAC Routine Use #8 will enable FCC to use Lifeline eligibility criteria as specified by the Lifeline program establishing a matching program between HUD’s TRACS and USAC’s National Verifier. 47 CFR 54.409; and lastly the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) was enacted on July 29, 2016. The HOTMA Final Rule will revise HUD regulations to put sections of HOTMA into effect. These sections make sweeping changes to the United States Housing Act of 1937, particularly those affecting TRACS income calculation and reviews for assisted families, occupancy standards, and the financial records required for eligibility determinations. This includes: (a) Changes about income reviews for public housing and HUD’s Section 8 programs. (b) Modifications to the continued occupancy standards of public housing residents whose income has grown above the threshold for initial eligibility, including setting maximum limits on the assets that families living in public housing and Section 8 assisted housing may have. (c) HUD must direct public housing agencies to require that all applicants for and recipients of assistance, through HUD’s public housing or Section 8 programs, let public housing agencies obtain financial records needed for eligibility determinations.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS)—HUD/HOU-11.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Headquarters, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410-0001; and at HUD Field and Regional Office. TRACS is maintained at: the National Center for Critical Information Processing and Storage, 9325 Cypress Loop Road, Stennis, MS 39629.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Lanier M. Hylton, Senior Program Manager, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs, 451 7th Street SW, Room 6124, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-2495.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 93-383, 88 Stat. 653, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1437 *et seq.*; The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, Public Law 100-242, 101