

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Notice of Public Meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of virtual business meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the New Jersey Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting via Zoom. The purpose is for the committee to discuss the Proposal Stage on the committee's chosen topic of antisemitism and civil rights.

DATES: Monday, February 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES:

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):
https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_O7i11vjZS9qa2eykDJde7A.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: 161 326 4147 #.

AGENDA LINK: <https://usccr.app.box.com/folder/363748071690> (note: final agenda will be available prior to the meeting date).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moreno, Designated Federal Officer, at vmoreno@usccr.gov or 1-434-515-0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee meetings are available to the public through a registration link (above). Any interested members of the public may attend committee meetings. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make oral statements as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of each meeting will include a list of persons who are present. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting "CC" in the meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email ebohor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the

regional office within 30 days following the scheduled meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-202-656-8937.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via the file sharing website, <https://tinyurl.com/3ev8d9n9> as well as at:

www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, selecting the Advisory Committee of interest. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at ebohor@usccr.gov.

Dated: February 4, 2026.

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Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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BILLING CODE P**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Business Survey**

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 September 2, 2025, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: Annual Business Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-1004.

Form Number(s): ABS-1.

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

Number of Respondents: 230,000.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour and 17 minutes.

Burden Hours: 295,858.

Needs and Uses: The Annual Business Survey (ABS) measures business demographics, research and development (R&D), innovation, and critical and emerging technologies among businesses in the United States. The ABS is a joint statistical project between the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau.

The ABS combines Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, and reduce operational costs. The ABS is designed to be adaptive, allowing content to be rotated on and off the survey based on topics of relevance.

Content previously collected on the Business Enterprise Research and Development (BERD) Survey will now be collected as part of the Annual Business Survey. The BERD survey will no longer be fielded independently. Integrating the survey instruments necessitated changes to the questions which were then tested with the target populations. The Census Bureau and NCSES worked collaboratively to determine these necessary changes.

R&D data collected from for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations account for nearly 75 percent of the total U.S. R&D expenditures each year. A consistent R&D information base is essential to government officials formulating public policy, industry personnel involved in corporate planning, and members of the academic community conducting research.

Prior iterations of the ABS used the collection year as part of the survey name. Moving forward, and to be discernible from the past ABS, the survey will omit the mention of the collection year and use the data reference year in all collection materials, informational documentation, and publication tables. As a result, the data collection that starts in May of 2026 will be referred to as the ABS Reference Year 2025.

Statistics from the ABS will be used by government program officials, industry organization leaders, economic and social analysts, business entrepreneurs, and domestic and foreign researchers in business, government and academia.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The survey is conducted under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182; Title 42, United States