

data from the 2000 long form. The purpose of the comparison sites was to give a good tract-by-tract comparison between the 1999–2002 American Community Survey cumulated estimates and the Census 2000 long-form estimates and to use these comparisons to identify both the causes of differences and diagnostic variables that tend to predict a certain kind of difference.

In 2000–2002, the Census Bureau conducted the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey, the 2001 Supplementary Survey, and the 2002 Supplementary Survey using the American Community Survey methodology. Each of these surveys had a sample of approximately 700,000 residential addresses per year. These surveys were conducted to study the operational feasibility of collecting long-form type data in a different methodology from the decennial census, demonstrate the reliability and stability of state and large area estimates over time, and demonstrate the usability of multiyear estimates.

For 2003–2005, the Census Bureau plans to conduct the American Community Survey in every part of the United States and also in Puerto Rico. In November 2002, the Census Bureau will begin full implementation of the American Community Survey by increasing the sample to a total of 250,000 residential addresses per month in the 50 states and the District of Columbia and 3,000 residential addresses per month in Puerto Rico. Data will be collected by mail and Census Bureau staff will follow up with households that do not respond using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) and computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI).

In addition to selecting a sample of residential addresses, the Census Bureau plans to select a sample of group quarters (GQs) and conduct the American Community Survey with a sample of persons within the GQs starting in January 2004. The Census Bureau will also conduct a reinterview operation with a small sample of households to monitor the quality of data collected during the CAPI.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will mail questionnaires to households selected for the American Community Survey. For households that do not return a questionnaire, Census Bureau staff will attempt to conduct interviews via CATI. We will also conduct CAPI interviews for a subsample of nonrespondents.

For most types of GQs, Census Bureau field representatives (FRs) will either help respondents complete

questionnaires or leave questionnaires and ask respondents to return them by mail. For a few GQs, the FRs will attempt to conduct interviews by telephone.

The Census Bureau staff will provide Telephone Questionnaire Assistance (TQA).

The Census Bureau staff will conduct reinterviews using CAPI.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0810.

Form Number(s): ACS–1, ACS–1 (GQ), ACS–3 (GQ), ACS–4(GQ), ACS–290.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: During the period of November 2002 through October 2005, we plan to contact 9,105,000 households, 40,000 persons in group quarters, and 81,000 households for reinterview.

Estimated Time Per Response:

Estimates are 38 minutes per household, 15 minutes per person in group quarters, and 10 minutes per household in the reinterview sample.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,930,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Except for their time, there is no cost to respondents.

Respondent Obligation: Mandatory.

Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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 collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 10, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Economic Census Covering the Manufacturing Sector; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *MClayton@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mendel D. Gayle, U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2108, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 457–4769, (or via the Internet at *mendel.d.gayle@census.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13, United States Code, is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 2002 Economic Census Covering the Manufacturing Sector will measure the economic activity for more than 400,000 manufacturing establishments.

The information collected from companies in the manufacturing sector

of the economic census will produce basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, payroll, employment, value of shipments, value added, capital expenditures, depreciation, materials consumed, selected purchased services, electric energy used and inventories held. Primary strategies for reducing burden in the Census Bureau economic data collections are to increase electronic reporting through broader use of computerized self-administered census questionnaires, electronic data interchange, and other electronic data collection methods.

II. Method of Collection

Establishments included in this collection will be selected from a frame provided by the Census Bureau's Business Register. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) It must be classified in the manufacturing sector; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment company, or it must be an operating single-establishment company with payroll; and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Most establishments will be included in the mail portion of the collection. Forms tailored for the particular kind of business will be mailed to the establishment to be filled out and returned. Establishments not meeting certain cutoffs for payroll will be included in the non-mail portion of the collection. We will use administrative data in lieu of collecting data directly from these establishments.

Mail selection procedures will distinguish several groups of establishments. Establishment selection to a particular group is based on a number of factors. The more important considerations are the size of the company and whether it is included in the intercensal Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) sample panel. The ASM panel is representative of both large and small establishments from the mail component of the manufacturing census. The ASM sample panel includes approximately 55,000 establishments. The various groups of establishments that will constitute the 2002 Economic Census are outlined below.

A. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Companies

Selection procedures will assign eligible establishments of multi-establishment companies to the mail components of the potential respondent universe.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2002 will include the following:

1. *ASM sample establishments:* 32,000.
2. *Non-ASM:* 50,000.

B. Single-Establishment Companies Engaged in Manufacturing Activity With Payroll

As an initial step in the selection process, we will conduct a study of the potential respondent universe for manufacturing. The study of potential respondents will produce a set of industry-specific payroll cutoffs that we will use to distinguish large versus small-establishment companies within each industry. This payroll size distinction will affect selection as follows:

1. Large Single-Establishment Companies

Single-establishment companies having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry will be assigned to the mail component of the potential respondent universe.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2002 will include the following:

- a. *ASM sample establishments:* 23,000.
- b. *Non-ASM:* 101,000.

2. Small Single-Establishment Companies

In selected industries, small single-establishment companies that satisfy a particular criteria (administrative record payroll cutoff) will receive a manufacturing short form, which will collect a reduced amount of basic statistics and other essential information that is not available from administrative records.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2002 will include approximately 54,000 companies in this category. This category does not contain ASM establishments.

3. All remaining single-establishment companies with payroll will be represented in the census by data estimated from Federal administrative records. Generally, we do not include these small employers in the census mail canvass.

We estimate that this category for 2002 will include approximately 140,000 manufacturing companies.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: The forms used to collect information from businesses in these sectors of the economic census are

tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice. You can obtain information on the proposed content of the forms by calling Mendel D. Gayle on (301) 457-4769 (or via the Internet at mendel.d.gayle@census.gov).

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: Business or Other for Profit, Non-profit Institutions, Small Businesses or Organizations, and State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

ASM—55,000

Non-ASM (Long Form)—151,000

Non-ASM (Short Form)—54,000

Total—260,000

Estimated Time Per Response:

ASM—5.6 hrs.

Non-ASM (Long Form)—3.4 hrs.

Non-ASM (Short Form)—2.2 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

ASM—308,000

Non-ASM (Long Form)—513,400

Non-ASM (Short Form)—118,800

Total—940,200

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

\$14,403,864.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 224.

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