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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **U.S. Census Bureau**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2017 Economic Census**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Kevin Deardorff, U.S. Census Bureau, Economy Wide Statistics Division, Room 8K154, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-6033, or via the Internet at [Kevin.E.Deardorff@census.gov](mailto:Kevin.E.Deardorff@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 U.S. Government's official five-year measure of American business and the economy. It features 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 public.

The 2017 Economic Census covering the Mining; Utilities; Construction; Manufacturing; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation and Warehousing; Information; Finance and Insurance; Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation; Educational Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Accommodation and Food Services; Other Services (except

Public Administration) Sectors (as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)) will measure the economic activity of more than 7 million employer establishments. The information collected from establishments in these sectors of the economic census will produce basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, value of shipments/receipts/revenue/sales, payroll, and employment. It also will yield a variety of industry-specific statistics, including materials consumed, detailed supplies and fuels consumed, electric energy consumed, depreciable assets, selected purchased services, inventories, and capital expenditures, value of shipments/receipts/revenue/sales by product line as defined by the North American Product Classification System (NAPCS), type of operation, size of establishments, and other industry-specific measures.

Respondent burden will be reduced by using a response driven electronic reporting instrument that includes skip patterns and will display survey paths specific to the establishment's kind of business.

## **II. Method of Collection**

Establishments in the Economic Census will be selected from the Census Bureau's Business Register. The Census Bureau's Business Register provides a current and comprehensive database of U.S. business establishments and companies for statistical program use. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) it must be classified in one of the sectors listed above; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment firm (i.e., a firm that operates at more than one physical location), or it must be a single-establishment firm with payroll (i.e., a firm operating at only one physical location); and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states, offshore areas, or

the District of Columbia. Initial contact with respondents will be a mailed letter directing them to report online. No form will be mailed. The sampling procedure will distinguish the following groups of establishments for collection:

1. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign all active establishments of multi-establishment firms to the mail component of the universe, except for those in industries classified as consolidated reporters. In these selected industries, where activities are not easily attributable to individual locations or establishments, firms will be asked to report their basic data for several establishments at a nation-wide level on an electronic consolidated report path(s).

2. Single-Establishment Firms With Payroll

All single-establishment firms having 2017 payroll (from Federal administrative records) will be included in the sampling frame. We will use a NAICS-by-state stratified sample design for selecting a sample of single-establishment firms. The largest single-establishment firms (based on 2017 payroll) will be selected with certainty. Using a NAICS-by-state stratified sample should produce reliable estimates for various characteristics at detailed NAICS-by-state levels.

The remaining single-establishment firms with payroll that are not selected into the sample will be represented in the Economic Census by data from Federal

administrative records, or by weighting the responses of the sampled establishments. Additionally, some of these single-establishment firms not selected into the sample may be requested to respond to a short questionnaire to verify or confirm that the establishments are classified in the correct NAICS industry.

### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-XXXX.

*Electronic ID path(s):* The paths in the electronic instrument used to collect information are tailored to specific industries or groups of industries. The Electronic Path ID's are too numerous to list individually in this notice.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* State or local governments, businesses, or other for profit or non-profit institutions or organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,423,783 – see Table 1 for detail.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* See Table 1 for detail.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,832,591 – see Table 1 for detail.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Section 131.

### **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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

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**Table 1: Estimated 2017 Census Sample Sizes by Sector**

Sector	Trade	Total Estabs	Estimated Number of Respondents	Multi Estabs	Single-Establishments						Estimated Time Per Response/ Hour	Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours
					Univ	Selected			Not Selected			
						Long "Forms"			Total <sup>(2)</sup>	Class <sup>(1)</sup> "Forms"		
						Cert	NonCert	Total				
Total												
21	Mining <sup>(3)</sup>	28,474	23,890	9,179	19,295	11,053	1,237	12,290	7,005	2,421	4.0	95,560
22	Utilities <sup>(3)</sup>	18,042	18,042	13,174	4,868	4,868	0	4,868	0	0	2.2	39,692
23	Construction	643,514	215,108	18,549	624,965	33,365	89,882	123,247	501,718	73,312	2.3	494,748
31	Manufacturing	284,418	230,608	58,144	226,274	112,810	17,039	129,849	96,425	42,615	5.6	1,291,405
42	Wholesale Trade	400,444	400,444	133,667	266,777	266,777	0	266,777	0	0	1.3	520,577
44	Retail Trade	1,039,621	742,489	446,413	593,208	159,195	58,692	217,887	375,321	78,189	1.0	742,489
48	Transportation and Warehousing	217,107	169,714	56,205	160,902	67,465	19,386	86,851	74,051	26,658	4.4	746,742
51	Information <sup>(3)</sup>	132,838	108,217	70,202	62,636	28,362	5,429	33,791	28,845	4,224	1.4	151,504
52	Finance and Insurance <sup>(3)</sup>	464,674	367,924	249,745	214,929	101,367	12,816	114,183	100,746	3,996	1.5	551,886
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	353,421	222,181	96,941	256,480	32,931	33,407	66,338	190,142	58,902	1.0	222,181
54	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	820,435	380,653	112,276	708,159	101,472	65,172	166,644	541,515	101,733	1.0	380,653
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	68,963	68,963	65,477	3,486	3,486	0	3,486	0	0	1.9	131,030
56	Administrative and Support and Waste	387,120	182,388	78,649	308,471	49,541	33,044	82,585	225,886	21,154	1.0	182,388
61	Educational Services	68,482	38,087	7,620	60,862	11,776	8,729	20,505	40,357	9,962	0.7	26,661
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	833,364	441,928	235,422	597,942	120,226	46,929	167,155	430,787	39,351	1.0	441,928
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	120,359	75,571	13,963	106,396	34,025	10,180	44,205	62,191	17,403	1.0	75,571
72	Accommodation and Food Services	668,341	462,367	192,107	476,234	169,848	24,058	193,906	282,328	76,354	1.0	462,367
81	Other Services (except Public Admin.)	526,210	275,209	76,542	449,668	106,194	44,984	151,178	298,490	47,489	1.0	275,209
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7,075,827</b>	<b>4,423,783</b>	<b>1,934,275</b>	<b>5,141,552</b>	<b>1,414,761</b>	<b>470,984</b>	<b>1,885,745</b>	<b>3,255,807</b>	<b>603,763</b>		<b>6,832,591</b>

Notes: <sup>(1)</sup> Class "forms" counts are included in the "Not Selected" total  
<sup>(2)</sup> Federal administrative records  
<sup>(3)</sup> Approximately 7% of Multi-establishments in selected industries classified in the Mining sector and approximately 4% of selected industries classified in Utilities, Information, and Finance and Insurance sectors report basic data for several establishments at a nation-wide level on consolidated report paths(s) to ease burden.

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