



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

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Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Census Bureau is extending the comment period for the proposed rule entitled, “Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions,” that was published in the Federal Register on September 10, 2026. The proposed rule’s comment period, which would have ended on October 13, 2026, is extended until November 2, 2026.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by FDMS Docket number USBC-2026-0628, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter USBC-2026-

0628 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to 4600 Silver Hill Road, Designation: ADDEMO/FRN, Washington, DC 20746.
- *Instructions:* Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by Census. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on *www.regulations.gov* without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be posted and publicly accessible. Census will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). However, comments containing offensive or threatening language will not be posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Sweeney, Deputy General Counsel for Economic, Statistical, and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, at (301) 996-3533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 10, 2026, the U.S. Census Bureaus published a proposed rule entitled, “Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions” in the Federal Register (91 FR 57524). This document extends the comment period from October 13, 2026, to November 2, 2026. The proposed rule would add two new parts to the Code of Federal Regulations governing the decennial census of population and housing. First, the Census Bureau is proposing to add a part outlining the

residence criteria used for identifying each person's "usual residence," as needed to determine whether and where to count them in the census of the population throughout the United States. Second, the Census Bureau is proposing to add a part establishing standards and restrictions for the inclusion of certain demographic questions on the decennial census short-form questionnaire and any other questionnaire used for the enumeration of the population. Although these two parts are somewhat related and complementary, each is being proposed independently based on its own merits.

Instructions for the submission of comments are found in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

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