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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 Integrated Economic 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 August 21st, 2025 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

Title: Annual Integrated Economic Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-1024.

Form Number(s): None (Online only).

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

Number of Respondents: 358,750.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 Hours, 15 Minutes.

Burden Hours: 807,188.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests OMB approval to make revisions to the AIES. Since survey year 2023 (collected in calendar year 2024), the Census Bureau has conducted the AIES on an annual basis. The AIES was created to integrate seven annual business surveys into one

comprehensive survey. It was designed to combine Census Bureau collections to reduce respondent burden and increase data quality. The collections that were integrated into the AIES were the Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS), Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS), Service Annual Survey (SAS), Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM), Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES), Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey (M3UFO), and the Report of Organization.

In survey year 2026 (which will be collected in calendar year 2027), the telemedicine question will ask for the number of telemedicine visits rather than the telemedicine revenue, and the expenses for electronic health records question will be moved into the existing expense suite in the online reporting instrument. Additionally, the reporting instrument will feature two machine learning tools that will allow a subset of respondents to more efficiently report their North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) information. For a subset of NAICS sectors, single-unit companies with a weight of 1 will also be able to adjust their reporting path if they are misclassified. In survey year 2026, the AIES will include questions related to the leasing of employees from a professional employer organization (PEO) and the amount paid for depreciation and amortization charges. Manufacturing companies will now receive the standard robotics questions that were historically only provided to the non-manufacturing companies in the AIES. The total capital expenditures questions for structures and equipment will be added back to the survey given that the detailed breakouts, which are collected every five years, will not be present in survey year 2026. A yes/no question will be added related to whether a company had any e-commerce activity. Retail and wholesale companies will be asked to report the breakout of total inventories held in their retail and wholesale establishments versus the inventories held in other locations for those retail and wholesale establishments. The inventories questions related to the stages of fabrication will be dropped from NAICS codes 512 (Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries) and 513 (Publishing Industries). The total inventories question will now also be collected for NAICS codes 516 (Broadcasting and Content Providers), 517 (Telecommunications), 518 (Computing Infrastructure Providers, Data Processing, Web

Hosting, and Related Services), and 519 (Web Search Portals, Libraries, Archives, and Other Information Services). The companies in Alternate Reporting Unit (ARU) industries will be asked to report revenue/receipts and expenses data at the industry level rather than at the establishment level. Since a new sample is drawn annually, 2026 AIES will feature a new sample. A prior year revenue question will be added to aid with sample linking. The AIES will also accept data from companies via secure methods beyond the online reporting instrument, such as non-standard file uploads and direct transmission from company systems.

Data users will be able to access the AIES estimates through visualizations; the Census Bureau's dissemination platform, *data.census.gov;* File Transfer Protocol (FTP) tables; Application Programming Interface (API); and the Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) database.

Private businesses, organizations, industry analysts, educators and students, and economic researchers will use the estimates for analyzing and conducting impact evaluations on past and current economic performance, short-term economic forecasts, productivity, long-term economic growth, market analysis, tax policy, capacity utilization, business fixed capital stocks and capital formation, domestic and international competitiveness trade policy, product development, market research, and financial analysis. Trade and professional organizations will use the estimates to analyze industry trends and benchmark their own statistical programs, develop forecasts, and evaluate regulatory requirements. Government program officials and agencies will use the data for research, economic policymaking, and forecasting. Estimates produced from the AIES will serve as a benchmark for Census Bureau indicator programs, such as the Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS); Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3); Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS); and the Quarterly Services Survey. The Census Bureau will also continue to use information collected in the AIES to update and maintain the centralized, multipurpose Business Register that provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) will

continue to use the estimates to derive industry output for the input-output accounts and for the gross domestic product (GDP). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will continue to use the data as input to its Producer Price Index (PPI) and in developing productivity measurements. Additionally, the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) will continue to use the data to prepare the Index of Industrial Production, to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy, and in monitoring retail credit lending. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to use the data to estimate expenditures for the National Health Accounts and for monitoring and evaluating healthcare industries. The Department of the Treasury will continue to use the data to analyze depreciation and to research economic trends.

Frequency: The AIES is conducted annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607-1024.

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