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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Informal Caregivers Survey (ICS)—Component of the Long Term Care Survey (LTC).

Form Number(s): LTC-1, LTC-2, LTC-3, LTC-4, LTC-7, LTC-10, BNL-1, LTC-9P(L1), LTC-9(1), LTC-9(L2), LTC-9(3).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0778.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 11,731 hours.

Number of Respondents: 22,985.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau seeks OMB approval to conduct the Informal Caregivers Survey (ICS) as a component of the Long Term Care Survey (LTC) which is already approved by OMB. The LTC collects information on the health and functional status of the elderly population in the United States. The ICS will collect information from the persons who provide help to impaired LTC respondents concerning the type and amount of care given, the caregiver's functional and health status, whether the caregiver is paid, and the caregiver's relation to the impaired person. Results of the ICS will provide planners with information to determine how to meet the future health care needs of people 65 years old and over.

The ICS is sponsored by the Center for Demographic Studies, Duke University, with funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute on Aging. The Census Bureau will conduct the ICS under contract with Duke University.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 42, USC, Section 285e-1, and Title 15, USC, Section 1525.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000 Test Program

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Randall Neugebauer, Bureau of the Census, Room BH104-2, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 457-3952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to test several methodologies, techniques, and strategies in a "census environment." It is important to examine innovative ideas in the environment for which they are intended to accurately measure effectiveness and feasibility. The Census Bureau plans four separate tests—which are referred to as experiments because they must be done in a census environment. They are referred to as the Alternative Questionnaire and Mail Treatment (AQMT) experiment, the Administrative Records Census in 2000 Experiment (AREX2000), the Social Security Number [SSN], Privacy Attitudes, and Notification (SPAN) experiment, and the Response Mode and Incentive Experiment (RMIE).

Alternative Questionnaire and Mail Treatment (AQMT) Experiment

Objectives of the AQMT are to continue efforts to develop a user friendly mailout questionnaire that can be accurately completed by respondents and to continue examination of methods to increase mail response in a census environment. The design of the residency rules, structure of the short form (booklet versus bifold), and navigation instructions (intended to assist the respondent through the questionnaire accurately) are examined in the AQMT. The AQMT comprises nine panels with a mailout size of 5,000 each. The households are selected randomly at the national level. Respondents will receive one of three short experimental forms or one of four long experimental forms instead of the standard census form.

The success of the experimental forms will be determined by the analysis of various statistics calculated from the experimental forms and compared to the similar data from "control" forms (i.e., data from census forms that exclude the experimental factors). The statistics include mail response rate, data item nonresponse rates, "correctness" of the count of household members question, and the rate at which respondents incorrectly skip questions that they should answer.

Administrative Records Census in 2000 Experiment (AREX2000)

The principle objective of this experiment is to simulate an administrative records census for selected test areas and to compare the results and costs to Census 2000. An administrative records census is defined as a census that uses administrative records as its primary data collection method and that provides content and

geographic detail, which meet reapportionment and redistricting requirements.

AREX2000 will use data from other government agencies to construct a person data base for possibly four test sites; this will impose no respondent burden. This administrative records data base will be used to compare results and cost to Census 2000. Test sites have not been determined. There are three supplementary activities that need to occur in order to ensure measurable results:

1. A card mailout to roughly 70,000 P.O. Box addresses to obtain physical location addresses.
2. A Coverage Improvement Survey (CIS) that will be administered to 18,000 housing units. These interviews will be conducted to estimate coverage error and impute missing persons in the administrative records census.
3. A follow up interview to the CIS to about 10,800 housing units will be conducted to clarify census day residency status of administrative record persons.

Social Security Number (SSN), Privacy Attitudes, and Notification (SPAN) Experiment

The purpose of the SPAN is to obtain behavior and attitudinal data on several topics related to the use of administrative records. This includes how the public responds to requests for Social Security numbers (SSNs) on census questionnaires, how the public responds to differently worded notifications about the Census Bureau's use of administrative records, and what are the public's attitudes on privacy and confidentiality pertaining to the notion of an "administrative records census."

The SPAN will determine: (a) what effect a request for the SSN for every household member has on mail response and item response; (b) what effect a request for an SSN for only the person filling-out the questionnaire has on mail response and item response; (c) the accuracy of the respondent-provided SSNs; and (d) what effect different notifications about the Census Bureau's possible use of administrative records has on mail and item response rates. The methodology for achieving these objectives involves the mailout of six short form and two long form panels for a total of 40,000 forms during Census 2000.

There are two notifications—referred to as "general" and "specific." Each notification is included in the cover letter and describes how or why the Census Bureau may use administrative records data from other Federal agencies. A "general" notification

mentions the Census Bureau's possible use of statistical data from other Federal agencies, while the "specific" notification goes further to mention actual Federal agencies, such as, the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, and "social service agencies."

The SPAN also includes a telephone Survey of Privacy Attitudes (SPA) that measures the public's attitudes on privacy and confidentiality issues pertaining to the notion of an "administrative records census." The survey is conducted in two stages; a pre-measurement will be conducted before any Census 2000 promotion, outreach, and paid advertising occurs. The post-measurement will occur shortly after Census Day, April 1, 2000. The reason for the pre- and post-measurements is to enable examination of the "census environment's" effect on privacy attitudes. Specific objectives are to: (a) determine the public's opinion of the Federal government and the Census Bureau in general; (b) assess change in the public's attitudes on privacy-related issues using results from studies done in 1995 and 1996; and (c) determine the public's opinion of the Census Bureau's use of administrative records, possible interest in collecting SSNs in the future, and the notion of an "administrative records census." Each measurement group is a national random sample of 2,000 households.

Response Mode and Incentive Experiment (RMIE)

Goals of this test are: (a) to see if the use of prepaid calling cards as an incentive to respond to the census (using the telephone or the Internet) will significantly increase response and (b) to measure what extent respondents choose to use these response options. A sample of households will receive a prepaid telephone card with their Census 2000 questionnaire and a letter encouraging respondents to provide their response via one of three modes: telephone option 1 where respondents are prompted through the short form by machine and pre-recorded voice (referred to as "automated spoken questionnaire"), telephone option 2 where the respondents are prompted through the short form by human operator using a computer assisted telephone questionnaire, or by accessing the short form using the Census Bureau's Internet site. In addition, a sample of households will be offered the same response options but without the calling card incentive to do so. A sample of non-responding households to Census 2000 also will be given the option to respond using one of the

different modes with the incentive. After completing an interview, the calling card would be activated for use by the respondent. Effects on census costs (i.e., printing and mailing, nonresponse field follow up, outreach, data processing, and capture) and response to the census will be examined. The calling cards will have the Census logo to generate publicity for Census 2000, as well as the logo for the telephone card provider.

For households in the above experiments (excluding all of AREX2000), the experimental form is the sole Census 2000 form; i.e., households randomly selected for involvement will not additionally receive an official Census 2000 form. Households not completing and returning the experimental form will be included in the nonresponse follow up efforts of Census 2000.

Because the experimental forms are official census responses and replace the standard short- and long-forms that would otherwise be sent to the households involved in the experiments, respondent burden is already accounted for in the OMB approval for Census 2000 (OMB number 0607-0856). The burden hour estimate under item III., below, only accounts for burden that is additional to Census 2000. The exceptions that involve additional burden hours are all of AREX2000, the SPA, and the short form panels of the SPAN that include a request for SSN of all household members.

II. Method of Collection

The collection methodology varies between the experiments; please see below.

AQMT—Mail out of experimental short and long forms.

AREX2000—Card mail out eliciting physical location address.

—CIS by personal interview (this may employ a "computer-assisted personal interviewing" device).

—CIS Follow up by personal interview using a paper form.

SPAN—Mail out of experimental short and long forms.

—SPA by list-assisted random digit dialing (RDD) telephone interview.

RMIE—Mail out of short forms with phone card and letter insert encouraging response either by automated spoken questionnaire (telephone option 1), telephone and a human operator, or accessing the short form over the Census Bureau's Internet site.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Numbers: Please note that most AQMT, SPAN, and RMIE questionnaires are identical to the Census 2000 short and long forms but have unique form numbers. Exceptions where differences exist are noted in *italics*, below.

AQMT S-800A.1 through S-800A.3 [short forms]

S-800A.2 = [Subject matter awaiting final approval of the Census Bureau.]

S-800A.3 = Residence rules designed as booklet

S-800A.4 = Revised set of residence rules

S-801A.1(L) through S-801A.3(L) [short form cover letters]

S-802A.1 through S-802A.3 [outgoing envelopes-short form]

S-803A.1 through S-803A.3 [return envelopes-short form]

S-800B.1 through S-800B.5 [long forms]

S-800B.2 = 'Go to' Instruction

S-800B.3 = Reverse Print Instruction

S-800B.4 = Arrow Format

S-800B.5 = Right Box Format

S-801B.1(L) through S-801B.5(L) [long form cover letters]

S-802B.1 through S-802B.5 [outgoing envelopes-long form]

S-803B.1 through S-803B.5 [return envelopes-long form]

S-804 [reminder post card]

AREX2000 Forthcoming. Form designations will be in the S-9###.# series.

SPAN S-700A.1 through S-700A.7 [short forms]

S-700A.2 = Request for SSN added for all persons

S-700A.3 = Request for SSN added for one person

S-700A.4 = Request for SSN added for all persons

S-700A.5 = Request for SSN added for all persons

S-701A.1(L) through S-701A.7(L) [short form cover letters]

S-702A.1 through S-702A.7 [outgoing envelopes-short form]

S-703A.1 through S-703A.7 [return envelopes-short form]

S-704 [reminder postcard]

S-700B.1 through S-700B.3 [long forms]

S-701B.1(L) through S-701B.3(L) [long form cover letters]

S-702B.1 through S-702B.4 [outgoing envelopes-long form]

S-703B.1 through S-703B.4 [return envelopes-long form]

RMIE—Forthcoming.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

AQMT = 35,000 (15,000 short form recipients; 20,000 long form recipients)

AREX2000 = 98,800 (70,000 post card recipients; 18,000 CIS personal interview respondents; 10,800 CIS follow up interview respondents)

SPAN = 44,000 (30,000 short form recipients; 10,000 long form recipients; 4,000 SPA respondents)

RMIE = 22,500

TOTAL = 200,300 respondents

Estimated Time Per Response:

AQMT—10 minutes for the experimental short form
—38 minutes for the experimental long form

AREX2000—1.5 minutes for the post card

—12.5 minutes for the CIS

—7 minutes for the CIS follow up interview

SPAN—10 minutes for the experimental short form

—11 minutes for experimental short form with the SSN request

—38 minutes for the experimental long form

—15 minutes for the SPA

RMIE—less than 10 minutes for the short form automated spoken questionnaire

—less than 10 minutes for the telephone interview with a human operator (telephone option)

—10 minutes for the short form on the Census Bureau's Internet home page

—10 minutes for recipients opting to return hard-copy short form questionnaires

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: PLEASE note that only burden hours that are in addition to what is already accounted for by Census 2000 are shown below.

AQMT = Zero (15,165 hours already accounted for)

AREX2000 = 6,758 hours

SPAN = 1,255 hours, for the SPA and the addition of the SSN request to the SSN experimental panels (11,340 hours already accounted for)

RMIE = Zero (3,757.5 hours already accounted for—note that estimated time for response among the three modes is equal or less than 10 minutes)

TOTAL = 8,013 hours

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time to complete the information request.

Respondent's Obligation:

AQMT—Mandatory

AREX2000—Voluntary

SPAN—Mandatory and Voluntary.

Response to short and long form questions is mandatory. However, response to the SSN request (which is only on the short form), is voluntary. Response to the SPA is voluntary.

RMIE—Mandatory

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

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.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Survey of U.S. Chemical Industry Regarding Activities Involving Chemicals Identified in Schedule 2 of the Chemical Weapons Convention's Annex on Chemicals

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