

Respondents: Research facilities, "A" and "B" dealers, exhibitors, carriers, intermediate handlers, pounds, and shelters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,564.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 10.152.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 86,945 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of June 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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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: Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey.

Form Number(s): B-101(97), 102(97), 103(97), 111(97), 112(97), 113(97), 114(97).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0717.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 30,693 hours.

Number of Respondents: 11,060.

Avg Hours Per Response: 14 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey provides estimates of monthly sales and end-of-month merchandise inventories for retail stores in the United States by selected kinds of business. Sales and inventory data provide a current statistical picture of the retail portion of consumer activity. Monthly estimates of changes in sales and the value and levels of inventory are used by government and non-government analysts in gauging economic trends and formulating economic policy. The current sampling methodology for this survey uses both fixed and rotating panels. Larger companies report monthly in the fixed panel. Most small and medium sized companies report every three months and are asked to report data for the two most recent months. The current design is

susceptible to large revisions in preliminary-to-final estimates due to imbalances in the rotating panels and differential response bias between current and previous month data. We will implement a totally fixed panel design for the next sample revision starting in early 1997 in order to minimize these revisions. The sample redesign will also permit more accurate identification of unusual responses and will facilitate reconciling differences with other Census Bureau surveys. We plan to gauge and monitor the effects of the sample redesign on an ongoing basis.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Dan Haigler, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 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 Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 6, 1996.

Dan Haigler,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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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: Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.

Form Number(s): B-310.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0190.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 4,614 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,298.

Avg Hours Per Response: 7 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of the Census conducts the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey to obtain sales and inventory data from a sample of

merchant wholesalers. From the data we gather, we produce statistics on wholesale sales, end-of-month inventories, methods of inventory valuation, and stock/sales ratios. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses these statistics in its calculations of the gross domestic product (GDP) and to improve the reliability of inventory adjustments applied in the quarterly GDP estimates. The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses these statistics as input to its Producer Price Indexes and in developing productivity measurements. Other government agencies and businesses use these statistics for planning and development and to gauge the current trends of the economy. Current data on wholesale trade also enable us to make comparisons with the five-year wholesale census data. The current sampling methodology for this survey uses both fixed and rotating panels. Larger companies report monthly in the fixed panel. Most small and medium sized companies report every three months and are asked to report data for the two most recent months. The current design is susceptible to large revisions in preliminary-to-final estimates due to imbalances in the rotating panels and differential response bias between current and previous month data. We will implement a totally fixed panel design for the next sample revision starting in early 1997 in order to minimize these revisions. The sample redesign will also permit more accurate identification of unusual responses and will facilitate reconciling differences with other Census Bureau surveys. We plan to gauge and monitor the effects of the sample redesign on an ongoing basis.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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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: 1997 Economic Census Covering Retail Trade, Foodservices, Drinking Places, and Accommodations Sectors
Form Number(s): Various.
Agency Approval Number: None.
Type of Request: New collection.
Burden: 993,000 hours in FY 1998; 1 hour in FY 1996&7.

Number of Respondents: 1,291,003.
Avg Hours Per Response: 46 minutes.
Needs and Uses: The economic census 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 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U. S. economy including more than 1.1 million retail establishments, and more than .5 million foodservices, drinking places, and accommodations establishments. The information collected from businesses in this sector of the economic census will produce basic statistics by kind of business for number of establishments, sales, payroll, and employment. It also will yield a variety of subject statistics, including sales by merchandise line, sales by class of customer, and other industry-specific measures.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Every 5 years.
Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

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Agency: Bureau of the Census.
Title: 1997 Economic Census Covering the Wholesale Trade Sector.
Form Number(s): Various.
Agency Approval Number: None.
Type of Request: New collection.
Burden: 634,400 hours in FY 1998; 1 hour in FY 1996&7.

Number of Respondents: 540,000.
Avg Hours Per Response: 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The economic census 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 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U. S. economy including more than .5 million wholesale establishments. The information collected from businesses in this sector of the economic census will produce basic statistics by kind of business for number of establishments, sales, payroll, and employment. It also will yield a variety of subject statistics, including sales by merchandise line, sales by class of customer, and other industry-specific measures.

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Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 960529150-6150-01]

Survey of Environmental Products and Services

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of consideration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census is considering a proposal to conduct the Survey of Environmental Products and Services for the year 1995 under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 193. On the basis of information and recommendations received by the Bureau of the Census and other agencies, the data have significant application to the needs of the public and industry.

DATES: Any suggestions or recommendations concerning the proposed survey should be submitted in writing by July 17, 1996 in order to receive consideration.

ADDRESSES: Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elinor Champion, Chief, Environmental, Technical and Innovation Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division (301) 457-4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary users of these data will be numerous Government agencies, including the Bureau of the Census, Environmental Protection Agency, and the International Trade Administration. Other users include business firms, academics, trade associations, and research and consulting organizations. The data will be used to measure and analyze the environmental industry and serve as a tool to promote international trade of environmental goods. The