

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 15, 2025, at the following link: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202411-0607-003.

Annual Business Survey (ABS)

The ABS provides information on selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. Further, the survey measures research and development for microbusinesses, new business topics such as innovation and technology, as well as other business characteristics such as types of customers, number and types of employees, and sales and revenues. The ABS includes all nonfarm employer businesses filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, or any other type of corporation, with receipts of \$1,000 or more. The ABS is co-sponsored by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) and conducted by the Census Bureau.

More information regarding the ABS can be found in the ICR approved by OMB on May 15, 2024, at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202401-0607-002.

Business and Professional Classification Report

The Business and Professional Classification Report collects one-time data on a firm's type of business activity from a sample of businesses that were recently assigned Federal Employer Identification Numbers or recently added to the scope of the Census Bureau's current business surveys. The data are used to update the sampling frames for our current business surveys. Additionally, the business classification data will help ensure businesses are directed to complete the correct report in the economic census.

More information regarding the Business and Professional Classification Report can be found in the ICR approved by OMB on August 15, 2024, at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202405-0607-003.

Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey (BERD)

The BERD collects annual data on spending for research and development activities by businesses. The BERD collects foreign as well as domestic spending information, more detailed information about the R&D workforce, and information regarding intellectual property from U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles

this information in accordance with a joint project agreement between the NSF and the Census Bureau. The NSF posts the BERD information results on their website.

More information regarding the BERD can be found in the ICR approved by OMB on December 6, 2024, at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202409-0607-004.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number. In accordance with the PRA OMB approved the surveys described in this notice under the following OMB control numbers: AIES, 0607-1024; ABS, 0607-1004; Business and Professional Classification Report, 0607-0189; and BERD, 0607-0912.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the current mandatory business surveys be conducted in 2025 for the purpose of collecting these data.

Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

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Geographically Updated Population Certification Program

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Census Bureau will modify the Geographically Updated Population Certification Program (GUPCP) by removing the expedited processing option for certified decennial census population and housing counts associated with updated government boundaries. The GUPCP is a fee-based service that was reinstated on January 1, 2024. The service provides the requesting government a new certification of 2020 Census population

and housing counts based on boundary updates that became legally effective after the 2020 Census. Government boundaries effective on or before January 1, 2020, were used for 2020 Census population and housing tabulation.

DATES: This modification shall become effective April 4, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lindsay Spell, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, by email at pop.lgemp@census.gov or telephone at 301-763-2461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Following the 1970 decennial census and after every subsequent decennial census, the Census Bureau provided the opportunity for tribal, state, and local governments to obtain certified population and housing counts for areas where the boundaries have changed from those used to tabulate the results of the immediately preceding decennial census. These changes occur due to newly incorporated governments, the merger of two or more existing governments, the addition or annexation of land by a government, or other circumstances. The certification process is available to governments established by law for the purpose of implementing specified general-purpose or special-purpose government functions. Most governments have legally established boundaries and names and have officials (usually elected) who have the power to carry out legally prescribed functions, provide services for residents, and raise revenues. These are commonly referred to as general-purpose governments and typically include federally recognized American Indian reservations and off-reservation trust land, counties and county equivalents, boroughs, cities, towns, villages, and townships. Special-purpose governments, such as school districts, typically are limited to one function.

This service is a permanent process, but one that is suspended in advance of future decennial censuses. Typically, the Census Bureau will suspend this service and direct its resources to the decennial census for approximately five years. This includes the two years preceding the decennial census, the decennial census year, and the two years following it. The Census Bureau issues notices in the **Federal Register** announcing when it suspends and, in turn, resumes the service.

The Census Bureau first began to make updated decennial census count determinations to reflect geographic boundary changes in 1972 in response

to the requests of local governments to establish eligibility for participation in the General Revenue Sharing Program, authorized under Public Law 92–512. At that time, the Census Bureau established a fee-based service enabling governments with annexations to obtain updated decennial census population counts that reflected the population living in the annexed areas. The Census Bureau also received funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to make those determinations for larger annexations that met prescribed criteria, and for new incorporations. The General Revenue Sharing Program ended on September 30, 1986, but the certification program continued into 1988 with support from the Census Bureau. The program was suspended to accommodate the taking of the 1990 decennial census and resumed in 1992. The Census Bureau supported the program through fiscal year 1995 for cities with large annexations and through fiscal year 1996 for newly incorporated places. The program was continued as a fee-based service until June 1, 1998, at which time it was suspended for the 2000 decennial census (63 FR 27706, May 20, 1998).

In 2002, the program resumed and has since been referred to as the Geographically Updated Population Certification Program or GUPCP (67 FR 72095, December 4, 2002). GUPCP was suspended again in 2008 to accommodate the taking of the 2010 Census (72 FR 46602, August 21, 2007), as well as in 2019 to accommodate the taking of the 2020 Census (83 FR 53029, October 19, 2018).

Following each decennial census, published census data adhere to disclosure avoidance standards designed to protect confidentiality. Prior to 2020, governments were able to request an expedited GUPCP certificate to receive decennial census population and housing unit counts that incorporate a change in boundaries outside of the regular annual update schedule. Within the disclosure avoidance system, it was possible to generate these data as needed to satisfy expedited requests.

This decade, the modernized disclosure avoidance standards limit the application of geographic updates to the 2020 Census data to once each year. As a result, the Census Bureau can only produce updated population and housing unit counts on the annual update schedule for new incorporations or annexations. Accordingly, there is only one fee option associated with an annual processing option.

Although there is no legal requirement that the Census Bureau

provide this service, there is a demand from governments for 2020 Census population and housing counts to be certified to reflect boundary updates or the formation of new governments dated after January 1, 2020, the legal effective date for boundaries used in tabulating the 2020 Census. Title 13, section 8 of the United States Code allows the Census Bureau to conduct this program by providing certain statistical materials upon payment of costs for the service. The Census Bureau is the sole provider of this service, which is based on processing 2020 Census enumeration records protected by the confidentiality restrictions at 13 U.S.C. 8 and 9.

A geographically updated population certification from the Census Bureau confirms that an official population and housing count is an accurate retabulating of the 2020 Census population and housing as configured for the updated government boundaries. A population certification may be needed for many reasons. For example, general-purpose governments may be required by state law to produce a Census Bureau population and housing certification for funds disbursement from their respective state, or federally sponsored programs may require or honor a Census Bureau population and housing certification for program eligibility. Special-purpose governments may also need official certification of census population and housing counts for other purposes.

Governments requesting certification must complete Form BC–1869(EF), Geographically Updated Population Certification Program (GUPCP) Request. Program details, and this form, are available online at: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/gupcp.html>. Tribal, state, and local governments should submit requests for certifications on Form BC–1869(EF) by email to the Census Bureau at pop.lgemp@census.gov. Communication requesting the service without Form BC–1869(EF) will be accepted only if it contains the information necessary to complete the form.

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1869(EF), will collect only information necessary to process a certification request. As such, it is not subject to the PRA's requirements.

Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–20–2025]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 29, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Logitech; (Audio, Visual, and Gaming Equipment); Shepherdsville, Kentucky

On behalf of Logitech, Arvato USA, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Shepherdsville, Kentucky within FTZ 29. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on March 27, 2025.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/ component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

The proposed finished products include peripherals (audio, computer, sim racing), content creation equipment, and video conference devices (duty rates are duty-free).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: microphones (streaming; video conference); speakers (Bluetooth with single driver; Bluetooth with multiple drivers; personal computer; personal computer with single driver); headsets (wired; wireless); virtual reality pens; remotes (gaming; presentation); conferencing displays; desktop streaming LED lights; sim racing components (wheels; pedals); flight simulators; adaptive gaming controllers; webcams; conference webcams; video conferencing components (systems;