

TABLE II–1—INPUT DATA SETS FOR THE LEHD PROGRAM

File	Source	Delivery schedule	Number of respondents/ files
American Housing Survey (AHS)	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Business Dynamics Statistics (BDS)	Census Bureau	Annual	1
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Quarterly	1
Current Population Survey (CPS)	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Federal Workers	Office of Personnel Management	Quarterly	1
Geographic Reference File	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Master Address File Extract	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
New Business Register	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Geographic Database	Pitney Bowes Corporation	Quarterly	1
Master Address File Auxiliary Reference File.	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Residence Candidate File	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Survey of Income and Program Participation.	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing.	Census Bureau	Yearly	1
W2 Records	Internal Revenue Service	Yearly	1
Unemployment Insurance Wage File	State Partners	Quarterly	54
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).	State Partners	Quarterly	54
Workforce Development Board (WDB) Definitions files.	State Partners	Acquired as needed	54

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–1001.

Form Number(s): None. Not applicable as survey forms are not required to collect this data.

Type of Review: Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: As defined in Table II–1 above.

Estimated Time Per Response: No more than 8 hours total required to identify and send/post required data sets.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1728 hours total, for quarterly deliveries from 54 state partners.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Legal Authority: The authority to develop LEHD is authorized under 13 U.S.C. 6. Confidentiality is assured by 13 U.S.C. 9.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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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; Quarterly Services Survey (QSS)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed extension of the Quarterly Services Survey, prior to the submission of the information

collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Matthew.J.Tucker@census.gov. Please reference Quarterly Services Survey in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2026-0529, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Kathryn Nelson, U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Indicators Division, 301-763-7052, and Kathryn.L.Nelson@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension without change of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Quarterly Services Survey (QSS). The QSS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in select service industries as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The QSS coverage currently includes the following NAICS sectors: Utilities (excluding government owned); Transportation and Warehousing (except rail transportation and postal); Information; Finance and Insurance (except funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (except offices of notaries); Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services; Educational Services (except elementary and secondary schools, junior colleges, and colleges, universities, and

professional schools); Health Care and Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; and Other Services (except public administration). The QSS also covers the Accommodation NAICS subsector. The primary estimates produced from the QSS are quarterly estimates of total operating revenue and the percentage of revenue by source. The survey also produces estimates of total operating expenses from tax-exempt firms in industries that have a large not-for-profit component. For hospitals, the survey produces estimates of the number of inpatient days and discharges, and for select industries in the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, the survey produces estimates of admissions revenue.

Firms are selected for the QSS using a stratified design with strata defined by industry, tax status, and estimated size based on annual revenue. The current sample was introduced in the third quarter of 2017. The sample consists of approximately 19,500 firms and is a subsample of firms from the larger Service Annual Survey (SAS) approved under OMB Number 0607-0422. Each quarter the QSS sample is updated to reflect the addition of new businesses and the removal of firms that have gone out-of-business. Starting in survey year 2023, which was collected in calendar year 2024, the SAS was integrated into the Annual Integrated Economic Survey (AIES) approved under OMB Number 0607-1024.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses QSS results as input to its quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and GDP by industry estimates. The estimates provide the Federal Reserve Board and Council of Economic Advisors with timely information to assess current economic performance. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services use the QSS estimates to develop hospital-spending estimates for the National Accounts. Other government and private stakeholders also benefit from a better understanding of important cyclical components of the U.S. service economy.

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by internet and telephone follow-up. A majority of QSS respondents receive an initial email with their username and authentication code for submission by internet. The remaining respondents are mailed their username and authentication code for submission by internet. We no longer mail forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0907.

Form Numbers: QSS-1A, QSS-1E, QSS-1PA, QSS-1PE, QSS-2A, QSS-2E, QSS-3A, QSS-3E, QSS-3SA, QSS-3SE, QSS-4A, QSS-4E, QSS-4FA, QSS-4FE, QSS-4SA, QSS-4SE, QSS-5A, QSS-5E.

Type of Review: Regular Submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,400 respondents with a response time of 15 minutes per quarterly report and 11,100 respondents with a response time of 10 minutes per quarterly report.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes: QSS-1A, QSS-1E, QSS-1PA, QSS-1PE, QSS-2A, QSS-2E, QSS-3A, QSS-3E, QSS-3SA, QSS-3SE, QSS-5A, QSS-5E. 10 minutes: QSS-4A, QSS-4E, QSS-4FA, QSS-4FE, QSS-4SA, QSS-4SE.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 21,800 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may

be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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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; DOC-Census Workforce Development Collection

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 June 12, 2026, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

Title: DOC-Census Workforce Development Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0607–XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission, New Information Collection Request.

Number of Respondents: 230. This includes 100 Manufacturing USA Institutes and/or its affiliated training providers (public/private sector), 60 grant recipients under the Recompete program and/or their affiliated training providers, and 70 grant recipients under the Good Jobs Challenge 2 program and/or their affiliated training providers.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour annually for the Recompete and Good Jobs Challenge 2 programs, up to 2 hours annually for the 100 Manufacturing USA Institutes programs.

Burden Hours: 330 hours.

Needs and Uses: The information acquired from this collection will be

used to obtain data on individuals who participate in workforce development training programs sponsored by the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) within the Department of Commerce. Respondents, who include Manufacturing USA Institutes, grant recipients under EDA's Recompete and Good Jobs Challenge 2 programs, will be asked to provide data on participants. The collected data will be linked to Census Bureau data sets—including demographic, household, and jobs data—to produce measurable metrics that inform workforce training program outcomes and support evidence-based decision-making for future investments. This data collection and subsequent analysis will enable NIST and EDA to evaluate the long-term performance and impact of sponsored workforce programs.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: NIST's authority for the collection of this information is provided under the National Institute of Standards and Technology Organic Act, 15 U.S.C. 272(b) and (c). EDA's authority for this collection is the Stevenson Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (Stevenson Wydler), 15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.* and 42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.* The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey on behalf of EDA and NIST under the authority of 13 U.S.C. 8(b). Confidentiality of the information is assured by 13 U.S.C. 9.

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 the title of the collection.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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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; Building Permits Survey Program

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed extension of the surveys known as the Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units (C–404) and the Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Permit Systems (C–411), prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Matthew.J.Tucker@census.gov. Please refer to the Building Permits Survey Program in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2026–0694, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to William