

Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such people are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Administration

Title: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) National Disqualified List.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0584.

Summary of Collection: This collection is a reinstatement, without change, of the currently approved collection. Section 243(c) of Public Law 106–224, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, amended section 17(d)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1766 (d)(5)(E)(i) and (ii)) by requiring the Department of Agriculture to maintain a list of institutions, day care home providers, and individuals that have been terminated or otherwise disqualified from CACFP participation. The law also requires the Department to make the list available to State agencies for their use in reviewing applications to participate and to sponsoring organizations to ensure that they do not employ as principals any persons who are disqualified from the program. This statutory mandate has been incorporated into § 226.6(c)(7) of the Program regulations. The Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) is still legally required to collect this data and is thereby continuing to collect in violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Need and Use of the Information: This is a mandatory information collection that is required under statute. State agencies must provide the information necessary to maintain the National Disqualified List. The State agencies use forms FNS–843 Report of Disqualification from Participation—Institution and Responsible Principals/Individuals and FNS–844 Report of Disqualification from Participation—Individually Disqualified Responsible Principal/Individual or Day Care Home Provider to collect and maintain the disqualification data. These forms are accessed through a web-based National Disqualification List (NDL) system, to collect the contact and disqualification information and reasons on all individuals and institutions that have been disqualified and are therefore ineligible to participate in CACFP. The

information is collected from State agencies as the disqualifications occur so that the list is kept current. By maintaining the web-based system, the Department ensures program integrity by making the NDL data available to sponsoring organizations and State agencies so that no one who has been disqualified can participate in CACFP. Without this data collection, State agencies would not be able to prevent individuals and institutions disqualified in other States from reapplying to participate in CACFP.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (as needed).

Total Burden Hours: 784.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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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 Business Survey

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 revision to the Annual Business Survey prior to the submission of this information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Matthew.J.Tucker@census.gov. Please reference Annual Business Survey in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit

comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2026–0562 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 Patrice Hall, Assistant Division Chief, R&D and Special Surveys, 301–763–7198, patrice.n.hall@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In an effort to improve the measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the Census Bureau is conducting the Annual Business Survey (ABS). The ABS combines Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, reduce operational costs, and operate more efficiently. The ABS measures research and development (R&D), innovation, business owner characteristics, and other topics of interest. The ABS is a joint statistical project between the Census Bureau and the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

The 2026 ABS (collected during 2027) will remove the following business owner demographic questions:

- Race
- Ethnicity
- Sex
- Place of Birth
- U.S. Citizenship, and
- Age

Estimates for this data will be produced through use of various administrative data. The Census Bureau, in collaboration with NCSES, plans to research additional administrative and survey data sources to replace the other owner characteristics questions on the survey in future survey cycles. While this research continues, select business owner characteristics questions (*e.g.*, disability, education level) will remain

on the survey. The Business Enterprise Research and Development survey (BERD), which merged with the ABS beginning with reference year 2025, will continue to be included within the ABS.

The ABS will sample 230,000 businesses and nonprofit organizations (222,000 employer business; 8,000 nonprofit organizations). 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 non-zero receipts or payroll. Also included are nonprofit organizations to measure their research activities. The ABS samples approximately 8,000 nonprofit organizations who are required to complete IRS form 990. The nonprofit sample will yield national estimates of R&D performance within the nonprofit sector. Of note, nonprofit organizations will only see questions relating to research activities and will not be asked any questions relating to owner demographics.

The ABS is designed to incorporate new content, on a rotating basis, each survey year based on topics of relevance. Each year new questions are submitted to the OMB for approval.

The 2026–2028 ABS will collect the following information from employer businesses:

- Company information including sales, employees, and business ownership from all employer businesses.
- Select business owner characteristics questions (*e.g.*, disability, education level) from the principal owner(s) of the business.
- Business characteristics from all employer businesses.
- Research, development, and related topics from select businesses and nonprofits.
- Innovation data and data on critical and emerging technologies from all employer businesses.
- Management practices and employee training data from all employer businesses.
- Intellectual property protection and technology transfer data from all employer businesses.
- Other potential module topics such as cybersecurity and financing.

II. Method of Collection

The ABS utilizes an online survey instrument. Respondents are mailed and emailed letters directing them to create a Census account and access the survey through their account. The online survey automatically skips questions that do not apply and checks for common errors. Detailed question

instructions will be embedded in the electronic instrument where appropriate. Responses will be due approximately 30 days from initial mailing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–1004.
Form Number(s): ABS–1.

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

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations (large and small employer businesses), nonprofit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 174,500 Employer Businesses without BERD Content; 47,500 Employer Businesses with BERD Content, and 8,000 Nonprofit Organizations

Estimated Time per Response: Respondents with Employer Businesses Without BERD Content—45 minutes; Respondents with BERD Content—3 hours and 22 minutes to respond; Nonprofit organizations—38 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 295,858.

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: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182; Title 42, United States Code, Section 1861–76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended); and Section 505 within the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 authorize this collection. Sections 224 and 225 of Title 13, United States Code, require response from sampled firms.

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

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–138–2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 123, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Metal Container (MCC) LP; (Beverage Containers); Windsor, Colorado

Metal Container (MCC) LP submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Windsor, Colorado within FTZ 123. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 30, 2026.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material/component and specific finished product 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 product is empty beverage cans (body only) (duty rate 5.7%).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is aluminum body stock (duty rate 3%).

The request indicates that aluminum stock is subject to duties under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232) and section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301),