

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified data base so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits, and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since late 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that will remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs such as estimating eligibility for government programs, examining pension and health care coverage, and analyzing individual net worth. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules."

The topical modules for the 1996 Panel Wave 3 are the following: (1) Assets and Liabilities; (2) Medical Expenses and Work Disability, and (3) Real Estate, Shelter Costs, Dependent Care, and Vehicles; and (4) the Poverty Module. Also, additional topical module items will be asked at the end of the core instrument concerning Earnings and Employment, General Income Amounts, Stocks and Mutual Fund Shares, Rental Income, Mortgages, Royalties, and Other Financial Investments. Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from December 1996 through March 1997.

II. Method of Collection

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every 4 years, with each panel having a duration of about 4 years in the survey. All household members 15 years old or older are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. They are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals, making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample persons (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who

move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP Primary Sampling Unit (PSU) will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Persons 15 years old or older who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these persons move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample person. A reinterview with a sample of participants is also conducted to ensure quality in responses.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0813.
Form Number: SIPP-16303 Reminder Card; SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.
Type of Review: Regular.
Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 77,700 (interview), 2,500 (reinterview).
Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes (interview), 10 minutes (reinterview).
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 116,550*

Interview	* 116,500
Reinterview	* 1,250
Total	117,800

* Estimates based on conducting 3 waves in a year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$28,000,000.

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.

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Economics and Statistics Administration

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics; Notice of Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, (1973), and after consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the Census Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law.

The Committee was established July 16, 1962. It was initially chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act in January 1973. The Committee's purpose is to advise the Director, Bureau of the Census, on the conduct of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture and related surveys and the kind of information to obtain from respondents associated with agriculture production. The Committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content of agriculture reports, and presents the views and needs for data of major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics. The Committee draws on the experience and expertise of its members to form a collective judgment concerning agriculture data collected and the statistics the Census Bureau issues.

The committee will function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The advisory committee shall consist of 21 member organizations. Each of the member organizations shall appoint a representative to the committee, subject to the concurrence of the Director, Bureau of the Census.

The committee shall report to the Director, Bureau of the Census.

The Department of Commerce will file copies of the committees' renewal charters with appropriate committees in Congress.

You may address inquires or comments to Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Bureau of the Census, Room 3039, FB 3, Washington, D.C. 20233, telephone (301) 457-2308, TDD (301) 457-2540.

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