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Why does the Census Bureau collect this information?

Although we conduct a census every ten years, some information needs to be updated more often. This survey provides current data about a variety of important issues, such as changes people have experienced in their jobs, health insurance coverage, medical expenditures, the well-being of children and adults, childcare and child support status, retirement and pension planning, participation in government programs, and other information. Since the country changes rapidly, up-to-date facts are necessary in order to create effective programs. Policymakers in government and private organizations need current economic information to make informed decisions about programs that will affect people of all income levels. Your voluntary participation is essential to ensure that this survey's results are complete and accurate.

How do I know the Census Bureau will protect my information?

The law authorizes the Census Bureau to collect information for this survey (Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 141 and 182). Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. The Census Bureau will use this information only for statistical purposes. Everyone who has access to your responses is subject to a prison term, a fine up to $250,000, or both, if any information is revealed that identifies you or your household.

How will the Census Bureau use the information that I provide?

Because Title 13 guarantees the confidentiality of your information, the Census Bureau will combine the information you provide with that of others to produce statistics. To be efficient, the Census Bureau attempts to obtain information you may have given to other agencies if you have participated in other government programs. We do so because it helps to ensure your data are complete, and it reduces the number of questions you are asked on this survey. The same confidentiality laws that protect your survey answers also protect any additional information we collect (Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9). If you wish to request that your information not be combined with information from other agencies, we ask that you notify the field representative at the time of the interview.

How much time will the survey take?

We estimate that it will take about 60 minutes per person to collect the information. This includes time for reviewing the instructions and completing and reviewing your answers. You may send comments regarding time estimates or any other aspect of this data collection process, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0977, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 7H054, Washington, DC 20233. You may also e-mail comments to **DEMO.Paperwork@census.gov**; use "Demo Survey Comments 0607-0977" as the subject.

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved this survey and gave it OMB approval number 0607-0977; the expiration date is 12/31/2016. Displaying this number shows that the Census Bureau is authorized to conduct this survey. If this number were not displayed, we could not request your participation. Please use this number in any correspondence concerning this survey.