

**OMB Information Collection Request
Supporting Statement B
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Census Bureau
Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration Supplement
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B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

We conduct the November Voting and Registration Supplement in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 120 million households. From this universe, we select a sample of approximately 72,000 households each month, of which approximately 59,000 households are eligible for interview.

We ask the items in the Voting and Registration supplement, as appropriate, for members of these households, resulting in 52,000 completed supplement interviews. Those eligible for the voting and registration questions include all civilian household members age 18 and up who are U.S. citizens. Based on previous response rates for similar questions, we expect the supplement response rate to be approximately 88 percent.

2. Procedures for Collecting Information

The Voting and Registration supplement is a supplemental survey associated with the CPS, conducted biennially in November. Attachment D gives an overview of the CPS sample design and weighting methodology and response rates. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

We maintain response rates and data accuracy for the CPS at high levels through interviewer instruction and training and close monitoring of data output. (Refer to Item 5 of Attachment D for a discussion of the CPS nonresponse.)

4. Testing of Procedures

The Census Bureau conducted an expert review of the proposed changes to Items S3 and S4. Discussions between research staff and subject matter staff resulted in the final list of response choices for S3 and S4.

Attachment E discusses the reliability of estimates produced by the November 2018 supplement.

5. **Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection**

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Attachments

- A. 2020 Voting and Registration Supplement Questionnaire
- B. CPS Advance Letter (CPS-263)
- C. Brochure – *The U.S. Census Bureau Respects Your Privacy and Protects Your Personal Information*
- D. Overview of 2010 CPS Sample Design and Methodology
- E. Source of the Data and Accuracy of the Estimates