



A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your government to participate in the **2016 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll**. This survey is the only source of comprehensive information on the employment and payroll for state and local governments in the United States. The information collected serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

If possible, please report data for the 2016 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll in the same manner as in previous years. You can upload the completed data file(s) directly to our website (details below).

Please report online using the information below and keep this letter for future reference:

Title 13 United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 161 and 182 authorize the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13 U.S.C., Section 9(b) exempting data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality. We estimate this survey will take an average of 10 minutes to 15 hours to complete. On the back of this letter, you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number, authority and confidentiality, and burden estimate statement.

For assistance completing the survey, visit us online at <https://respond.census.gov/aspep>, call our customer help line at 1-800-832-2839, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 5 PM Eastern time, or email us at ewd.employment.survey@census.gov.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places and our economy. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

OMB Number

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this collection. The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0452 and appears at the upper right of the login screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

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Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will take an average of 10 minutes to 15 hours to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0452, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may email comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0452 as the subject.