



A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2015 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances. Your response is important. This survey collects information on measures of revenue by source, expenditures by character and function, indebtedness by term, and cash and investments by purpose for local governments in the United States. These data provide policy analysts, researchers, and the general public a more complete and clearer picture of the financial activity of local governments. These data are also the basis for the Flow of Funds for the Federal Reserve and the National Income and Product Accounts for the Bureau of Economic Analysis and are important indicators for national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

The Census Bureau conducts the survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 161 and 182. We estimate this survey to vary between 1 hour to 40 hours to complete. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number and expiration; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b).

Please read the instructions and complete your survey online at respond.census.gov/alfin using the User ID and Password below. Your due date is

User ID:

Password:

Please utilize your expertise and judgment in completing the survey. If actual data are not available, carefully prepared estimates are acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please contact my staff by phone at 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at ewd.local.finance@census.gov.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

Enclosures

OMB Number and Expiration

You are not required to respond to this collection of information if it does not display a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0585 and appears in the upper right corner of the login screen.

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Burden Estimate Statement

Please note that this is a national survey that applies to governments with wide differences in the size of their service areas, the amount of population served, and the extent and complexity of their activities. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 1 hour to 40 hours per response, 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 0607-0585, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585 as the subject.