



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

We request your participation with the **2021 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.

Complete each survey for the employees engaged in the activities described under “My Surveys” for the pay periods that include March 12, 2021, using the information below.

**Authentication Code:**

**Due Date:**

1. **Register OR sign in** at <https://portal.census.gov>
2. **Add** your authentication code.
3. **Report** by clicking on “REPORT NOW.” You can return to your account over multiple sessions to complete these surveys.

Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing these surveys, please sign into your Census Bureau account or call our customer help line at 1-800-832-2839, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

**Thank you** in advance for your time and participation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America’s people and economy.

Sincerely,

Ron S. Jarmin  
Acting Director

### **OMB Number**

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0585 and appears in the top right corner of each reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

### **Authority and Confidentiality**

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 161 and 182, authorizes the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct this collection and request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b), which exempts data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality.

### **Burden Estimate Statement**

We estimate the Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll will take an average of 10 to 90 minutes to complete. Factors such as government size, complexity and activity will affect your actual time to complete the survey. This estimate includes the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the survey.