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

The Census Bureau and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) are requesting your cooperation with preparing for the 2026 Health Insurance Cost Study, the Insurance Component of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS-IC). In June, you will receive information on how to access the 2026 Health Insurance Cost Study.

The location below has been selected to participate.

Please provide the contact information of the person who is most knowledgeable about health benefits offered by your government unit by visiting: https://respond.census.gov/mepspc or scan the QR code below:

UserID:
Password:
Due Date:

If your government unit did not offer health insurance, we still need your response. Please complete this pre-canvass and you will not be contacted again for the 2026 Health Insurance Cost Study.

YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this pre-canvass can be found on the back of this letter.

Healthcare costs are an important issue in the United States. Policymakers and researchers rely on current information to guide our Nation's healthcare system. Your participation makes this possible. Learn more about this survey by visiting the AHRQ site at: **https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/survey_comp/Insurance.jsp.**

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

Sincerely,

George M. Cook
Performing the functions
and duties of the Director

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OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0935-0110 and appears at the upper right of the survey form/login screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13 U.S.C. Section 9(b) states "The confidential treatment of data for particular individuals and establishments, shall not apply to the censuses of governments provided for by subchapter III of chapter 5 of this title with respect to any information obtained therefore that is compiled from, or customarily provided in, public records." As such, the protections described in the following paragraph do not apply to information obtained from governments that is otherwise publicly available.

We are conducting this study under the authority of Section 913 of the Public Health Service Act (Title 42, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 299b-2). Sections 924c and 308d of that Act (42 U.S.C. Section 299c-3(c) and 42 U.S.C. Section 242m, respectively) ensure the confidentiality of your responses will be maintained. It may be seen only by individuals sworn to uphold U.S. Census Bureau confidentiality and may be used only for statistical purposes.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this pre-canvass will take 3-5 minutes, on average, to complete.