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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau
Office of the Director
Washington, DC 20233-0001

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

Your response is requested to the **2026 Health Insurance Cost Study,** the Insurance Component of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS-IC). 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 response makes this possible.

Please respond online within 30 days. If you are unable to access the records needed to answer the questions in this survey, please provide your best estimate.

Respond for the address:

To complete the survey online:

1. **Register** OR **sign in** at **https://portal.census.gov**
2. **Add** your authentication code:
3. **Click on** "Report Now" to start the survey. You can return to your account over multiple sessions to complete the survey.

Learn more about this survey by visiting the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) site at: **https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/survey_comp/Insurance.jsp.**

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

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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

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Watch this video to learn about the MEPS-IC.

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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

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 survey will take 45 minutes, on average, 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. If you offered more than two plans, we estimate an extra 11 minutes per additional plan. Factors such as company size, complexity, and activity will affect your actual time to complete the survey.