

**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 organization by visiting: <https://respond.census.gov/mepspc> or scan the QR code below:

UserID:
Password:
Due Date:



If your organization 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George M. Cook".

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

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, United States Code, Section 8(b), and Section 913 of the Public Health Service Act (Title 42, United States Code, Section 299b-2(a)) authorize the U.S. Census Bureau and Department of Health and Human Services to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Title 13, United States Code, Section 9, to keep your information confidential and can use your responses only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Burden Estimate Statement

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