

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

Your response is requested to the **2023 Health Insurance Cost Study**, the Insurance Component of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS-IC). Healthcare is an important issue facing the United States. Policymakers and researchers rely on good 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.

YOUR RESPONSE IS CONFIDENTIAL. Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter. Learn more about this survey by visiting the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) at: https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/survey_comp/Insurance.jsp.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Santos
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 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.