

FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau requests your participation in the Survey of Construction (SOC), which produces statistics on new residential construction. The survey produces estimates of starts and completions of new single- and multifamily units and sales of new single-family houses. Government and private entities use these statistics to monitor and evaluate the large and dynamic housing construction industry and to make vital economic decisions.

Toll Free Telephone Number
1-800-845-8244

The legal authority to collect this data is Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 131 and 182. Please complete the enclosed form(s) on new residential buildings selected for this very important survey and return it as soon as possible.

Visit our web site:
www.census.gov/starts

On the back of this letter, you will find disclosure descriptions regarding the Office of Management and Budget number; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please call the Toll Free number provided on this letter.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

Enclosures

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0110 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form. Without this approval, we cannot conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. By Section 9 of Title 13, United States Code, your report is confidential. It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information, and may be used only for statistical purposes. The law also provides that copies of your report retained in your files are immune from legal process.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate that it will take from 3 to 7 minutes to complete an interview for each building, with 5 minutes being the average time. Send comments regarding this estimate or any aspect of the collection of this information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0110, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD- 6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0110 as the subject.