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"The Census Bureau's economic surveys are indispensable to understanding America's economy. They ensure the accuracy of the statistics we rely on for economic policy and for successful business planning. Participating in the monthly survey helps us all."

– Ben S. Bernanke
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The Office of Management and Budget has approved this survey and given it an 8-digit control number, which is shown in the upper right-hand corner of the enclosed form. If this number was not displayed, we could not request your participation. 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: Paperwork Project 0607-0110, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, AMSD - 3K138, Washington, DC 20233. You may also e-mail comments to paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0110" as the subject.

The U.S. Census Bureau requests your participation in the Survey of Construction (SOC). The enclosed form requests information on new residential buildings selected for this very important survey.

- **What we ask of you.** Please complete the enclosed form and keep it for use when our representative calls or visits you within the next few days.
- **How this information will be used.** Your responses will be combined with information from other participants to produce estimates of housing starts, sales of new single-family houses and housing completions. These estimates are widely used to make vital economic decisions.
- **Legal Authority.** Data collection for SOC is authorized by law (Title 13, Section 182, United States Code) to furnish monthly reports on new residential construction and sales.
- **Confidentiality.** Data you provide are **CONFIDENTIAL** by law (Title 13, United States Code). Your report may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and is used only for statistical purposes.

If you have any questions, you may call the Manufacturing and Construction Division at the Census Bureau at the toll free number printed on the left, weekdays from 8:30 to 5:00 Eastern time.

Thank you for taking the time to make this voluntary survey a success!

Sincerely,

Mendel D. Gayle, Chief
Manufacturing and Construction Division
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure(s)

Your Census Representative

Attach your business card here.