

April 21, 2021

Ms. Lisa Cheok  
U.S. Census Bureau  
ADDP/CPS HQ-7H136A  
4600 Silver Hill Rd  
Washington, DC 20233

RE: *Federal Register* notice of April 1, 2021, for the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey - Annual Social and Economic Supplement (OMB Number: 0607-0354)

Dear Ms. Cheok:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Current Population Survey -- Annual Social and Economic Supplement. The data collected on this survey are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data directly from this survey to prepare employment and compensation estimates for the national income and product accounts. The data are also used indirectly through a third party to estimate personal remittances in the international transactions accounts. A list of the data that are used is attached.

BEA will continue to review the data obtained through the survey for possible incorporation into our methodologies. Information on health care expenditures is particularly important as BEA further develops its health care satellite account in response to the growing economic importance of health care spending in the United States.

Please keep BEA informed concerning any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at [Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov). Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Fixler  
Chief Economist

Attachment

### BEA Use of the Annual Social and Economic Supplement

<b>Data Item:</b>	<b>BEA Use:</b>
<b>Direct Uses</b>	
Number of self-employed persons	Used to prepare BEA's estimate of the number of self-employed persons
Number of hours worked	Used to estimate full-time equivalent employees
<b>Indirect Uses</b>	
(From third party sources using the Current Population Survey data)  Foreign born population in the United States  Income (inward personal transfers (remittances))	Used to estimate personal transfers (remittances) and other current transfers in the U.S. international transactions accounts