



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2015 Annual Survey of School System Finances (Form F-33) jointly with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). We conduct this survey in order to make available up-to-date school district finance data essential to the work of the U.S. Congress, state legislators, government finance officers, education research organizations, and many others. The purpose of this message is to officially announce the opening of the data collection for FY 2015.

The Census Bureau conducts this survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 161, and 182; and Title 20, United States Code, Sections 9543-44. We estimate this survey will take 86 hours to complete if responding using the codes on the survey form, or 14 hours to complete if using state education agency codes. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number, authority and confidentiality, and burden estimate statement.

Public records retained from this collection do not require confidentiality under provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(a).

Please provide the following information about your FY 2015 data submission:

- 1) Will your state be participating in the FY 2015 survey?
- 2) Estimated Date of Data Submission:
- 3) Will there be any changes from the prior year in your data submission format?
- 4) State Coordinator name, title, phone number, and e-mail:
- 5) Are you a new coordinator?
- 6) Have you attended New Coordinator Training in the past?
- 7) F-33 staff may contact your state with questions about your data. If you have delegated someone else to be the primary contact for data inquiries, please provide this person's name, title, phone number, and e-mail address:

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please call my staff on 1-800-622-6193, weekdays between 8 AM and 6 PM EST, or email ERD.F33.List@census.gov.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

Enclosure

OMB Number

You are not required to respond to this collection of information if it does not display a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0700 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form/login screen.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 161, and 182; and Title 20, United States Code, Sections 9543-44 authorize the Census Bureau to conduct this collection jointly with the National Center for Education Statistics and to request your voluntary assistance. Public records retained from this collection do not require confidentiality under provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(a).

Burden Estimate Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 86 hours if responding using the codes on the survey form, or 14 hours using state education agency account codes, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0700, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0700 as the subject.