

February 13, 2020

Ms. Lisa A. Clement
Survey Director, Current Population and American Time Use Surveys
U.S. Census Bureau
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Washington, DC 20233

RE: *Federal Register* notice of January 7, 2020, for the U.S. Census Bureau's Housing Vacancy Survey (OMB Number: 0607-0179)

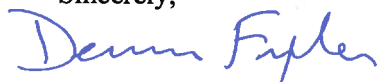
Dear Ms. Clement:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Census Bureau's Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS). The data collected on this survey are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data from this survey to prepare the national income and product accounts. Annual and quarterly estimates of housing inventory and the distribution of housing units by occupancy status are used to prepare the housing services component of personal consumption expenditures in gross domestic product (GDP) and the rental income component of national income. Items used by BEA are listed in the attachment below.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the 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. 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

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Items Used by BEA from the Census Bureau's Housing Vacancy Survey

Items Used	BEA Use
Annual data on housing units, owner-occupied units, and renter-occupied units (Table 7a)	Prepare annual and quarterly estimates of the housing services component of personal consumption expenditures component of GDP
Quarterly data on housing units, owner-occupied units, and renter-occupied units (Table 8a)	