

## Bureau of the Census

The mission of the Bureau of the Census, within the Economics and Statistics Administration, is to serve as the leading source of quality data about the Nation's people and economy. To accomplish this mission, the Bureau of the Census measures those trends and segments of our population and economy most critical to continued American success and prosperity.

The Bureau of the Census's FY 2007 budget request will enable it to achieve its performance goal "to meet the needs of policymakers, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the public for current and benchmark measures of the U.S. population, economy and governments." The Bureau of the Census plans to continue its

cyclical programs, which set the benchmark for critical national data. These include the economic census and the census of governments, conducted every five years, and the deliberate ramp-up to the re-engineered 2010 Census. The 2010 Census preparations include focusing on early planning and development efforts; improving the accuracy of map feature locations; and continuing the American Community Survey. Underlying these censuses and on-going current surveys is the cyclical demographic surveys sample redesign activity. Samples used in the surveys are re-identified every decade after the decennial census to ensure that they are actually representative of the American population, benefiting all federal statistical agencies.

The Bureau of the Census continually re-evaluates each of its programs to see how it can best continue to meet the needs of policymakers, businesses, and the public. As part of this ongoing evaluation, the FY 2007 Budget proposes to reform the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) program from its current structure and end the Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey in the Economic Census. The FY 2007 budget request includes funds to design a new data collection system on income and wealth dynamics to meet the policy and operational needs of the country. Further details are provided under the "Highlights of Budget Changes" section.

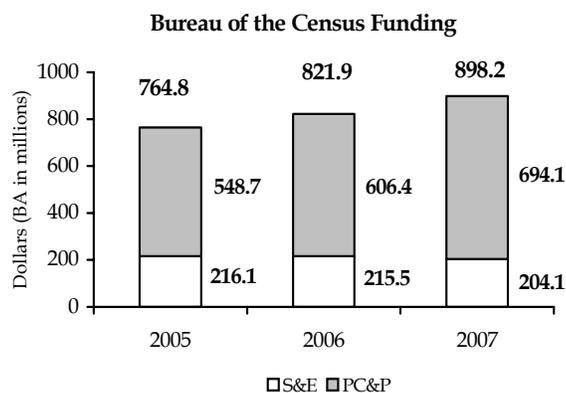
The Bureau of the Census is funded through the following appropriations:

The **Salaries and Expenses** appropriation provides for monthly, quarterly and annual surveys, and other programs that require a constant annual funding level. The Bureau of the Census's current economic programs count and profile U.S. businesses and government organizations. Current population and housing surveys and analysis provide detailed and integrated information on the social, demographic, economic and housing conditions of the U.S. These programs are used for planning by both the public and private sectors.

The **Periodic Censuses and Programs** appropriation funds the decennial census conducted every ten years, the economic census and the census of governments, which are conducted every five years, and other programs. The American Community Survey (ACS), which replaces the 'long form' in the decennial census, produces annual detailed community demographic data. This data is a valuable resource for both federal and local decision-makers.

The **Survey of Program Dynamics** (SPD) was established and funded through mandatory appropriations by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of FY 1996, also known as the Welfare Reform Act, (P.L. 109-68, Extended). The SPD provides policy makers with socioeconomic data to evaluate the impact of the welfare reforms on state welfare program recipients.

The **State Children's Health Insurance Program** (SCHIP) was established and funded through mandatory appropriations by The Medicare, Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program Bill (P.L. 106-113). The program produces statistically reliable annual state data on the number of low-income children who do not have health insurance coverage. Data from the SCHIP is used to allocate funds to states based on statistics from the March Income Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS).



The **Working Capital Fund (WCF)** is a non-appropriated account used to finance services within the Bureau of the Census, which are more efficiently performed on a centralized basis. The WCF also includes reimbursable work the Bureau of the Census performs for other Federal agencies, state and local governments, foreign governments and the private sector.

## Summary of Appropriations

### Funding Levels

	2005	2006	2007	Increase
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
<b>Discretionary Appropriations</b>				
Salaries and Expenses	\$196,110	\$195,500	\$184,067	(\$11,433)
Periodic Censuses and Programs	548,688	606,363	694,092	87,729
<b>Total Discretionary Appropriation</b>	<b>744,798</b>	<b>801,863</b>	<b>878,159</b>	<b>76,296</b>
<b>Permanent Appropriation</b>				
Survey of Program Dynamics	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
State Children's Health Insurance Program	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
<b>Budget Authority</b>				
Salaries and Expenses	216,110	215,500	204,067	(11,433)
Periodic Censuses and Programs	548,688	606,363	694,092	87,729
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AUTHORITY</b>	<b>764,798</b>	<b>821,863</b>	<b>898,159</b>	<b>76,296</b>
<b>FTE</b>				
Salaries and Expenses	1,854	1,843	1,588	(255)
Periodic Censuses and Programs	3,597	4,257	4,297	40
Mandatory	231	305	305	0
Working Capital Fund	2,751	2,828	2,947	119
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>119</b>

## Highlights of Budget Changes

### Appropriation: Salaries and Expenses

#### Summary of Requirements

	<u>Detailed</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>2006 Appropriation</b>			1,843	\$195,500
<b>Adjustments to Base</b>				
<b><u>Adjustments</u></b>				
Restoration of FY 2006 .28% rescission				554
Base transfer to restore to FY06 rescission in PCP				(3,580)
FTE realignment			(42)	
<b><u>Other Changes</u></b>				
2006 Pay raise		\$1,077		
2007 Pay raise		2,207		
Payment to the Working Capital Fund		185		
Full Year Cost of Part-Year Positions in Prior Year	2	148		
Civil Service Retirement System(CSRS)		(219)		
Federal Employees' Retirement System(FERS)		754		
Thrift Savings Plan		32		
Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) -OASDI		204		
Health insurance		726		
Employees' Compensation Fund		(1)		
Travel - Mileage		85		
Rental payments to GSA		126		
Additional Rent for New HQ Building		9,980		
Printing and reproduction		11		
Other services:				
NARA		(3)		
Working Capital Fund		(117)		
Commerce Business System		364		
General Pricing Level Adjustment:				
Transportation of things		3		
Communications, Utilities & misc.		13		
Other services		580		
Supplies and materials		30		
Equipment		53		
Subtotal, other cost changes			2	16,238
<b>TOTAL, ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE</b>			<b>(40)</b>	<b>13,212</b>
<b>2007 Base</b>			<b>1,803</b>	<b>208,712</b>
Program Changes			(215)	(24,645)
<b>2007 APPROPRIATION</b>			<b>1,588</b>	<b>184,067</b>

**Comparison by Activity**

	2006 Currently Avail.		2007 Base		2007 Estimate		Increase / Decrease	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>DIRECT OBLIGATIONS</b>								
Current surveys and statistics								
Current economic statistics	1,180	\$134,902	1,182	\$148,603	1,182	\$148,603	0	\$0
Current demographic statistics	634	57,221	592	56,386	377	31,741	(215)	(24,645)
Survey development & data serv.	29	3,377	29	3,723	29	3,723	0	0
Subtotal, Discretionary Obligations	1,843	195,500	1,803	208,712	1,588	184,067	(215)	(24,645)
Survey of Program Dynamics	99	10,000	99	10,000	99	10,000	0	0
Children's Health Insurance Program	206	10,000	206	10,000	206	10,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL DIRECT OBLIGATIONS</b>	2,148	215,500	2,108	228,712	1,893	204,067	(215)	(24,645)
<b>FINANCING</b>								
Unobligated balance, start of year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal, financing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Permanent Appropriation	(305)	(20,000)	(305)	(20,000)	(305)	(20,000)	0	0
<b>TOTAL DISCRETIONARY BUDGET</b>	1,843	195,500	1,803	208,712	1,588	184,067	(215)	(24,645)
<b>AUTHORITY / APPROPRIATION</b>								

**Highlights of Program Changes**

	<u>Base</u>		<u>Increase / Decrease</u>	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Current Demographic Statistics	592	\$56,386	-215	-\$24,645

For the past two decades, the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) has been the leading source of information on the well-being of Americans. However, the program has room for improvement, and has not taken advantage of advancements the Bureau has made in other program areas, notably the American Community Survey. Therefore, the FY 2007 budget request includes sufficient base funds for the design of a new data collection system on income and wealth dynamics to meet the policy and operational needs of the country. This redesigned system will replace the SIPP and address the shortcomings that emerged in the current system over its two decades of use. In addition, FY 2007 request includes funds to facilitate the collection of another wave (i.e., a ninth wave) of 2004 SIPP panel data during FY 2007.

## Appropriation: Periodic Censuses and Programs

### Summary of Requirements

	<u>Detailed</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>2006 Appropriation</b>			4,257	\$606,363
<b>Adjustments to Base</b>				
<b><u>Adjustments</u></b>				
FTE Reestimate	(12)			
Restoration of FY 2006 deobligations		2,600		
Base Transfer to restore FY 2006 Rescission		3,580		
Restoration of FY 2006 28% rescission		1,719		
Subtotal Adjustments			(12)	7,899
<b><u>Other Changes</u></b>				
2006 Pay raise		\$1,394		
2007 Pay raise		2,960		
Civil Service Retirement System(CSRS)		(264)		
Federal Employees' Retirement System(FERS)		910		
Thrift Savings Plan		38		
Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) -OASDI		276		
Health insurance		924		
Employees' Compensation Fund		(156)		
Travel				
Per diem		(2)		
Mileage		663		
Rent payments to GSA		147		
Additional Rent for New HQ Building		13,536		
Printing and reproduction		74		
General Pricing Level Adjustment:				
Transportation of things		15		
Communications, Utilities & misc.		32		
Other services		1,407		
Supplies		87		
Equipment		139		
Subtotal, other cost changes			0	22,180
<b>TOTAL, ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE</b>			(12)	30,079
<b>2007 Base</b>			4,245	636,442
Program Changes			52	57,650
<b>2007 APPROPRIATION</b>			4,297	694,092

## Comparison by Activity

	2006 Currently Avail.		2007 Base		2007 Estimate		Increase / Decrease	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>DIRECT OBLIGATIONS</b>								
Economic statistics programs:								
Economic censuses	488	\$68,019	476	\$70,983	578	\$82,438	102	\$11,455
Census of governments	40	4,594	40	5,082	69	7,755	29	2,673
Subtotal, Economic statistics	528	72,613	516	76,065	647	90,193	131	14,128
Demographic statistics programs:								
Intercensal demographics estimates	73	8,885	73	9,885	73	9,885	0	0
2010 Decennial census	3,311	453,978	3,311	468,245	3,232	511,767	(79)	43,522
Subtotal, Demographic statistics	3,384	462,863	3,384	478,130	3,305	521,652	(79)	43,522
Demographic surveys sample redesign	86	10,868	86	11,042	86	11,042	0	0
Geographic support	259	37,302	259	40,210	259	40,210	0	0
Data processing system	0	30,073	0	30,995	0	30,995	0	0
<b>TOTAL DIRECT OBLIGATIONS</b>	4,257	613,719	4,245	636,442	4,297	694,092	52	57,650
<b>FINANCING</b>								
Unobligated balance, start of year	0	(4,756)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovery of prior obligations	0	(2,600)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal, financing	0	(7,356)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AUTHORITY / APPROPRIATION</b>	4,257	606,363	4,245	636,442	4,297	694,092	52	57,650

## Highlights of Program Changes

	Base		Increase / Decrease	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Economic Census	476	\$70,983	102	+\$11,455

The economic census provides data on manufacturing, mining, retail and wholesale trade, service, construction and transportation industries. The census is taken every fifth year, covering calendar years ending in two and seven. FY 2007 is the third year in the 2007 Economic Census cycle. The focus of activity for FY 2007 is the development of the collection instruments and processing systems to be used in the 2007 Economic Census. Specific activities include outreach with the top 500 companies about the census, development and creation of electronic tools and the Business Help Site to service respondent needs, conduct of a classification mailing in preparation of the census mail list, creation of the mail frame through the processing of 100+ million administrative records, printing of millions of report forms, and development of the processing systems to be used in the 2007 Economic Census. The FY 2007 budget proposes elimination of the Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey, a component of the Economic Census survey.

Census of Governments	40	\$5,082	+29	+\$2,673
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The census of governments is taken every fifth year for calendar years ending in two and seven. The 2007 Census of Governments consists of three phases: Government Organization, Public Employment, and Government Finances. FY 2007 is the third year in the five-year cycle of the 2007 Census of Governments. Efforts in FY 2007 will focus on: data collection and processing in the Organization Phase; data preparation and initiation of data collection and processing in the Employment Phase; and the preparation for and start of Finance Phase data collection and processing. Key objectives of the FY 2007 work are the identification of the universe, collection of data about the universe characteristics, and the start of employment and finance data collection.

	<u>Base</u>		<u>Increase / Decrease</u>	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2010 Decennial Census Program	3,311	\$468,245	-79	+\$43,522

The Bureau of the Census is in the process of preparing for the next decennial census. The plan for the 2010 Decennial Census program features three key components which focus on reducing operational risk, improving accuracy, providing more timely data, and containing cost. The components are: (1) Establishment of a multi-year planning, development, and testing process that will allow the Census Bureau to fully develop all major elements of a reengineered census designed to collect the basic ("short form") data needed to fulfill constitutional and legal mandates; (2) Implementation of the American Community Survey (ACS) to collect and publish the more detailed ("long form") data on an annual basis, instead of only once a decade; and (3) Enhancing the Bureau of the Census's geographic database, referred to as MAF/TIGER (Master Address File/Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing), by updating and improving street location information and bringing it into alignment with Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates. Activities in these three component areas are highly integrated, complement each other, and form the basis for re-engineering the 2010 Decennial Census program.

In 2007, the Bureau of the Census will be continuing extensive planning, testing and development activities, including the completion of all key mailout, field, and special purpose studies in preparation for the 2010 Census. Requirements definition and early operations will be well underway for the 2008 Dress Rehearsal. In 2007, the Bureau of the Census also will continue the fully implemented ACS. To enhance the MAF/TIGER system, the Bureau of the Census will continue a multi-year effort of aligning map feature locations with GPS coordinates, and will complete this for 690 of the nation's 3,232 counties.

## Bureau of the Census Performance Measures

The Bureau of the Census strategic goal is to "meet the needs of policymakers, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the public for current and benchmark measures of the U.S. population, economy, and governments." There are six performance measures that support this strategic goal and the Bureau of the Census's mission. A more detailed description of these goals and measures can be found in the Census section of the Department of Commerce budget.

### Performance Goals (Obligations) and Measures (Targets)

(Dollars in millions)

	<b>FY 2005 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2006 Targets</b>	<b>FY 2007 Targets</b>
<b>Goal. Meet the needs of policymakers, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the public for current and benchmark measures of the U.S. population, economy and governments.</b>	<b>\$1,012.7<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$1,074.3</b>	<b>\$1,144.6</b>
Measure 1a. Achieve pre-determined collection rates for Bureau of the Census censuses and surveys in order to provide statistically reliable data to support effective decision-making of policymakers, businesses, and the public.	(1) 91.8% response rate for CPS. (2) 91.6% response rate for NCVS. (3) 89.2% response rate for AHS. (4) 85.2% response rate for SIPP. (5) 96.8% response rate for ACS. (6) 85.5% response rate for BAS.	At least 90% of key censuses and surveys meet or exceed pre-determined collection rates at planned levels of reliability.	At least 90% of key censuses and surveys meet or exceed pre-determined collection rates at planned levels of reliability.

<p>Measure 1b. Release data products for key Bureau of the Census programs on time to support effective decision-making of policymakers, businesses, and the public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) 116 economic indicators released as scheduled (100%)</li> <li>(2) 2 SIPP data products released as scheduled.</li> <li>(3) 12 CPS data products released as scheduled.</li> <li>(4) 6 CPS Supplement data products were released as scheduled.</li> <li>(5) 1 AHS data product released as scheduled.</li> <li>(6) Economic Census: Issued 883 (100%) of geographic series reports as scheduled; Issued 2 SBO reports as scheduled; Issued BES Report as scheduled.</li> <li>(7) ASM was released as scheduled.</li> <li>(8) ATS was released as scheduled.</li> <li>(9) ARTS was released as scheduled.</li> <li>(10) SAS was released as scheduled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) 100% of economic indicators released on schedule.</li> <li>(2) At least 90% of other data products from key censuses and surveys released on schedule.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) 100% of economic indicators released on schedule.</li> <li>(2) At least 90% of other data products from key censuses and surveys released on schedule.</li> </ul>
<p>Measure 1c. Introduce Census 2000-based samples as scheduled so that the household surveys can continue through the next decade, and so that policymakers, businesses, and the public can continue to be confident in the major federal socioeconomic indicators these surveys provide.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) CE-Q samples introduced by 11/30/04.</li> <li>(2) CE-D samples introduced by 1/31/2005.</li> <li>(3) NCVS samples introduced by 1/31/2005.</li> <li>(4) American Housing Survey -National Sample (AHS-N) samples introduced by 5/31/2005.</li> </ul>	<p>Census 2000-based samples introduced on schedule.</p>	<p>N/A - no FY07 target. This measure will be discontinued because Census 2000-based samples will have been introduced for all surveys.</p>

Measure	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Targets	FY 2007 Targets
<p>Measure 1d. Correct street features in TIGER (geographic) database to more effectively support: Bureau of the Census censuses and surveys, facilitate the geographic partnerships between federal, state, local and tribal governments, and support the E-Government initiative in the President's Management Agenda.</p>	<p>623 counties were completed in FY 2005.</p>	<p>700 counties to be completed in FY 2006.</p>	<p>690 counties to be completed in FY 2007.</p>
<p>Measure 1e. Complete key activities for cyclical census programs on time to support effective decision-making by policymakers, businesses, and the public and meet constitutional and legislative mandates.</p>	<p>(1) Completed detailed project plan for FY 2007 Economic Census by 9/30/05.                      (2) Completed detailed project plan for FY 2007 Census of Governments by 9/30/05.                      (3) Intercensal Demographic Estimates: Improved controls for the 2004 ACS released by 5/30/05.                      (4) Intercensal Demographic Estimates: CPS controls released each month in time for weighting monthly estimates.                      (5) Completed evaluations of the 2004 census test.                      (6) Determined design requirements and select sites for the 2006 census test.                      (7) Completed preparation for and began implementation of the 2005 National Census Test.                      (8) Used research, testing, and development efforts to date to update relevant 2010 Census action plans.</p>	<p>At least 90% of key preparatory activities completed on schedule.</p>	<p>At least 90% of key preparatory activities completed on schedule.</p>

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2005 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2006 Targets</b>	<b>FY 2007 Targets</b>
Measure 1f. Meet or exceed overall Federal score of customer satisfaction on the American Customer Satisfaction Index.	73% score on ACSI.	Meet or exceed overall federal score.	Meet or exceed overall federal score.

1. This dollar amount has been updated as of December, 2005 (after the Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2005).