

# Request for Records Disposition Authority

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Job Number <b>NF-029-12-1</b>	
Date Received <b>10/2/11</b>	
<b>Notification to Agency</b>	
In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
Date <b>17 Nov 11</b>	Archivist by the United States <i>[Signature]</i>

<b>To National Archives and Records Administration (NIR)</b> Washington, DC 20408	
1 From (Agency or establishment) <b>U.S. Census Bureau</b>	
2 Major Subdivision <b>Demographic Surveys Division</b>	
3 Minor Subdivision <b>Current Population Surveys Branch (CPS)</b>	
4 Name of Person with whom to confer <b>Lisa A. Clement</b>	5 Telephone (include area code) <b>301 763-3806</b>

**6 Agency Certification**

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached 3 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies

is not required     
  is attached     
  has been requested

Signature of Agency Representative <i>[Signature]</i>	Title <b>Records Officer</b>	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <b>9/20/2011</b>
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7 Item Number	8 Description of Item and Proposed Disposition	9 GRS or Superseded Job Citation	10 Action taken (NARA Use Only)
1	<b>See Attachment</b>		

Supersedes N1-29-86-3

## MACHINE READABLE FILES OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEYS DIVISION

### CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS)

Readable Files starting with last submitted disposition on record from 2011 and thereafter  
Files accumulate on a monthly basis

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly nationwide survey of about 54,000 interviewed households conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The CPS is the primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population. This sample is scientifically selected to represent the civilian non-institutional population. The primary goal of the CPS is to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 15 years of age and older. However, published data focuses on those ages 16 and over.

The sample provides estimates for the nation as a whole and serves as part of model-based estimate for individual states and other geographic areas. Estimates obtained from the data include employment, unemployment, earnings, hours of work, and other indicators. The estimates are available to the public by a variety of demographic characteristics including age, sex, race, marital status, and educational attainment. They are also available by occupation, industry, and class of worker.

Supplemental questions are also included to produce estimates on a variety of topics including school enrollment, income, previous work experience, health, employee benefits, and volunteering. This data is collected along with the (regular) CPS questionnaire and appended to the monthly data.

The CPS data are used by government policymakers and legislators as important indicators of our nation's economic situation for the purpose of planning and evaluating many government programs. They are also used by the press, students, academics, and the general public.

### AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS

#### a Unedited Data Files

These files are the first files created with data from the questionnaires. The data have not been edited and missing answers have not been imputed. Therefore, the files reflect responses provided by the respondents.

Disposition: After edited data files are created, the unedited data files are disposable when no longer needed for Census business.

b Edited Data Files

These data files are created by editing the data from the unedited data files. This is the basis for the public use file.

Disposition Disposable when no longer needed for Census Business after a public use version has been transferred to the Center For Administration Records Research and Application (CARRA) for release to the public.

c Public Use Files

These files are created from the edited data files by suppressing certain data to protect the confidentiality of the respondents. For the basic questionnaire, a public use version is transferred to BLS and to CARRA for distribution to the public. For the supplemental questionnaire, a public use version is transferred to CARRA for distribution to the public.

Disposition Permanent Transfer the monthly Public Use File to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) upon release of the public use microdata to the public. Transfer the supplement public use file to NARA upon release of the public use microdata to the public.

d ~~System Documentation~~

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~~Technical information such as narrative descriptions, data dictionaries, file layouts and similar information that is needed to read or process the records.~~

~~Disposition Permanent Transfer the System Documentation with the public use microdata files to NARA.~~