



Committee on Economic Statistics

Federal Data Collection Comment Opportunity for AEA Members
2018-19 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Comments Due January 26, 2018

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) asks OMB to approve the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) for 2018-19. The NISVS collects lifetime and past-year information about individuals' experiences of sexual violence, stalking and intimate partner violence and information about the health consequences of these forms of violence. NISVS produces national and state level prevalence estimates of these types of violence.

The NISVS data collection is biennial survey, with an estimated sample of 25,000. Several revisions are proposed for 2018-19. Data collection is slated to begin in March 2018 and run through March 2019.

AEA members are encouraged to:

- describe the value of the 2018-19 NISVS for economic research;
- comment on the data collection instruments and methods; and
- suggest changes that would enhance data quality, value, and accessibility and lower respondent burden and federal cost.

Federal Register notice: [December 26, 2017](#) (includes instructions for submitting comments)

- [Information Collection Request](#) (ICR) submitted by HUD to OMB, including:
 - [NISVS survey instruments](#)
 - [Supporting Statement](#)
- Due date for comments: January 26, 2018
- More information: Sharon G. Smith, PhD, Behavioral Scientist, CDC, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, 770.488.1363, zhp5@cdc.gov

Information on ICR Process:

- By law, each data collection carried out by a federal agency must be cleared by OMB. Through the *Federal Register* notice, CDC is announcing that it has submitted a request to OMB for clearance to conduct the 2018-19 NISVS and offers the public a 30-day opportunity to submit comments to OMB.
- After the close of the 30-day comment period, OMB will make its decision.

Guidance to AEA Members on Preparing Comments:

- Can comment on any aspect of the proposed data collection. Possible topics, for instance, include needs, uses, methodology, design, cost, schedule, and consultation with data users.
- May frame comments on specific topics in any way, such as:
 - assessments – identifying what you do and do not like and support
 - suggestions – for how CDC might proceed in this or future collections
 - requests – for example, for a change in the design of the survey instrument, to be consulted in the future, to carry out research on an alternative approach
 - observations – for example, implications of the sample size for statistical reliability
- May propose that OMB incorporate a request in its “terms of clearance.” For instance, you could suggest as a term of clearance that CDC research the efficacy of an alternative set of questions and report back to OMB in a year on the results.

Additional AEA Resources:

- [A Primer on How to Respond to Calls for Comment on Federal Data Collections](#)
- After reviewing materials, you may provide your observations, critiques, and requests to AEASat staff Andrew Reamer at areamer@gwu.edu and he will organize them into a draft letter for your review. Prof. Reamer is experienced in crafting comment letters for impact.