

Respondent categories	Estimated hour burden (minutes)	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated annual burden hours (rounded)
Whaling Captains:			
Barrow	50	43	36
Kaktovik	50	10	8
Nuiqsut	50	10	8
Savoonga	50	28	23
Subtotal		91	75
Households:			
NSB	45	281	211
Control Village	45	70	53
Subtotal		351	264
Elders:			
NSB	50	42	35
Control Village	50	20	17
Subtotal		62	52
High School (total)	45	110	83
Grand Total		614	474

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: No non-hour cost burden has been identified.

Protections of Respondent Confidentiality

Prior to every interview, an introduction will be read to each respondent explaining the voluntary nature of their participation, the right to refuse to answer any question, and the measures that are implemented to protect their confidentiality. With regard to participation in the Student Survey, parents will sign consent forms with an X for minor children who agree to be interviewed. Procedures designed to protect confidentiality will include the use of coded identification numbers to eliminate the use of personal names, reliance upon self-administration for the most sensitive component of the surveys, and strict adherence to the highest code of ethical conduct, including the framework adopted by the U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee.

In the Household and Whaling Captain Surveys, there are three possible sensitive questions on annual household income, unemployment, and household finances. These questions have been used many times in past studies with few complaints. During the interviews, respondents will be warned that sensitive questions are coming up and that they may refuse to answer. The self-administered portion of the Student Survey contains sensitive questions about alcohol and drug use and sexual activity. The questions come directly from the Centers for Disease Control semiannual YRBSS questionnaire. This part of the survey will be self-

administered, and students may again choose not to answer any question. Upon completion, each student will privately place their questionnaire in a sealed envelope. The envelope will only be opened later by a data processor, who will not be aware of how any particular student answered the questions.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * * ". Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the "non-hour cost" burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you, as the respondent, have costs to

generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

The MMS will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in the submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, MMS will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in the submission to OMB.

Public Comment Policy: The MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that their home address be withheld from the record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the