



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
Office of Public and Indian Housing**

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**Notice PIH 2017-05 (HA)**

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This notice remains in effect until amended, superseded or rescinded.

Cross Reference: PIH Notices 2009-19; 2008-26; 2000-1 and 1998-66.

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**Subject: Income exclusion under temporary Census employment and Census access**

- 1. Purpose.** This notice clarifies the exclusion of temporary employment payments by the U.S. Census Bureau pursuant to 24 CFR 5.609(c)(9).
- 2. Background.** Accurate census data impacts the efficient attainment of HUD's mission and effective delivery of HUD programs. The Department holds a vital interest in supporting an adequate workforce to ensure accurate census counts in every neighborhood and supports such employment by program participants.
- 3. Exclusion of income.** Pursuant to Section 24 CFR 5.609(c)(9), temporary, nonrecurring and sporadic income is not included when determining a family's annual income. Under this exclusion, PHAs exclude **temporary** income payments from the U.S. Census Bureau, defined as employment lasting no longer than 180 days per year and not culminating in permanent employment. Other HUD grantees that are subject to the definition of annual income in 24 CFR 5.609 should also exclude these temporary income payments from the U.S. Census Bureau when calculating a family's annual income.
- 4. Access to buildings.** Building managers are reminded to provide Census workers access to the property, particularly a property where tenants are receiving federal rental assistance.
- 5. Paperwork Reduction:** Requirements approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB 2577-0083) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3520).

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