



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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Special Attention of: Regional and Field Office Directors of Public Housing; Section 8 Financial Management Center; Public Housing Agencies Administering Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Program; Owners/Agents; Resident Management Corporations; Resident Councils, Offices of Native American Programs; Tribally Designated Housing Entities, Indian Tribes	<b>Notice PIH-2008-26 (HA)</b> Issued: June 24, 2008 Expires: June 30, 2009 References: 24 CFR 5.609(c)(9) PIH Notices 00-1 and 98-66
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**Subject: Income exclusion under temporary employment by U.S. Census Bureau**

- 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. Applicability.** This notice applies to Public and Indian Housing (PIH) rental assistance programs including: Public Housing, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation, Housing Choice Voucher and Section 8 Project-Based Voucher and Certificate Programs.
- 3. Background.** The Decennial Census occurs in 2010, creating a need for temporary workers for periods up to 180 days in duration. Previously, rental assistance participants declined such employment due to perceived impacts to rents and other public assistance benefits. Accurate census data impacts the efficient attainment of HUD's mission and effective delivery of HUD programs. Hence, 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.
- 4. Exclusion of income.** Pursuant to Section 24 CFR 5.609 (c)(9), PHAs are to exclude **temporary** income payments from the U.S. Census Bureau, defined as employment lasting no longer than 180 days and not culminating in permanent employment. Employer verification of both the employment dates and income amount is to be maintained in the tenant file.
- 5. Further information.** Direct inquiries to local HUD offices or to the Office of Public Housing Programs at (202) 708-0744.
- 6. Paperwork Reduction:** The information collection requirements for this notice are 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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