The Supplemental Poverty Measure Workshop
Brookings Institution
May 28, 2020

10:00 AM       Welcome and Introductions
Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution
Victoria Velkoff, U.S. Census Bureau

10:30 AM       Overview of Process of Change and NAS Panel
Trudi Renwick, U.S. Census Bureau  Overview-Trudi Renwick (Slides)

10:45 AM       Geographic Adjustments
Trudi Renwick, U.S. Census Bureau  Supplemental Poverty Measure: Alternative Geographic Adjustments-Trudi Renwick (Slides) SEHSD Working Paper 2020-05

11:00 AM       Discussion of Geographic Adjustment Changes

11:15 AM       Full Bundle of Changes under Consideration for 2021: Resources
Liana Fox, U.S. Census Bureau  Potential Improvements to the Supplemental Poverty Measure for 2021: Resources –Liana Fox (Slides) SEHSD Working Paper 2020-06

- WIC—State-varying values
- Cap nutritional assistance programs at food portion of threshold
- Move to household unit of analysis
- Equivalence scale adjustments

11:30 AM       Discussion of Resources Changes

11:45 PM       Lunch—Feel free to leave or stay on Zoom for virtual lunch
12:45 PM  Full Bundle of Changes under Consideration for 2021: Thresholds

- Move base of thresholds from 33rd percentile to some share of median
- Expand estimation sample from consumer units with exactly two kids to all CUs
- Base thresholds on 3 years of CE data rather than 5 years
- Lag threshold one year
- Impute in-kind benefits
- Move telephone out of utilities and add home internet to thresholds
- Geographic adjustment of expenditure data prior to threshold creation
- Use a composite FCSU CPI-U as opposed to the All Items CPI-U in adjusting components

1:15 PM  Discussion of Threshold Changes

1:30 PM  Anchoring
Liana Fox, U.S. Census Bureau Anchoring Thresholds – Liana Fox (Slides)

1:45 PM  Discussion of Anchoring

2:00 PM  Adjourn