Plans for the Upcoming Releases of Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage Estimates from Federal Sources

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Background:

Split-Sample Implementation for Income:
- New questions used for part of the sample (30,000 eligible addresses)
- Split-panel design preserves time series and provides a bridge between old and new series

Full Sample for Health Insurance:
- Needed to establish a 2013 baseline before major provisions of Affordable Care Act took effect
- A full ASEC sample provides reliable estimates for small groups
CPS ASEC Collection Year versus Reference Year

- The CPS ASEC is administered in February, March, and April each year. The reference period for income, poverty, and health insurance coverage is the previous calendar year.
- The 2014 ASEC data refer to 2013 income, poverty, and health insurance estimates.
- The 2015 ASEC data refer to 2014 income, poverty, and health insurance estimates.
The reports “Income & Poverty: 2013” and “Health Insurance: 2013” were based on a sample of 68,000 addresses, representing the total U.S. population.
2014 CPS Annual Social and Economic Supplement Data Products: Reports

Based on the part of the sample that received the traditional income questions:


Based on the full sample:

- Geographic Mobility: 2013 to 2014  Released Mar. 2015
2014 CPS Annual Social and Economic Supplement Data Products: Data Files

Based on the sample that received the traditional income questions:

- Public use data set  Released Sept. 2014
- Current coverage health insurance extract  Released Sept. 2014
- Supplemental Poverty Measure research data file  Released Oct. 2014

Based on the sample that received the redesigned income questions:

- Public use research file  Released Jan. 2015

Based on the full sample:

- Extract with full-file weights  Released Jan. 2015
2014 CPS Annual Social and Economic Supplement: Research

American Economic Association Meetings: January 2015
- Health Insurance in the CPS ASEC: Examining the 2014 “Break-in-Series”

Census Bureau Expert Meeting on Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance: March 2015
- Reviewed Research
- Received Feedback

Joint Statistical Meetings: August 2015
- SRMI Multiple Imputation in the CPS ASEC
- Using Imputation to Combine Samples with Different Survey Instruments
- Estimating Taxes for the Redesigned CPS ASEC Sample

Federal Committee on Statistical Methods: December 2015
- Bridging a Survey Redesign Using Multiple Imputation: An Application to the 2014 CPS ASEC
Today’s Agenda

- Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance from the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement
  - Ed Welniak, Chief, Income Statistics Branch, U.S. Census Bureau
  - Trudi Renwick, Chief, Poverty Statistics Branch, U.S. Census Bureau
  - Marina Vornovitsky, Chief, Health and Disability Statistics Branch, U.S. Census Bureau
- Upcoming Releases
- Questions
- Break
- Estimates from Other Sources
  - Stephen Blumberg, Associate Director for Science in the Division of Health Interview Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics
  - Alfred Gottschalck, Assistant Division Chief for Small Area and Longitudinal Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
- Discussion