

Description of the 2014 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC)

The 2014 CPS ASEC included redesigned questions for income and health insurance coverage. All of the approximately 98,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned set of health insurance coverage questions. The redesigned income questions were implemented to a subsample of these 98,000 addresses using a probability split panel design. Approximately 68,000 addresses were eligible to receive a set of income questions consistent with those used in the 2013 CPS ASEC and the remaining 30,000 addresses were eligible to receive the redesigned income questions. The source of data for the *Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2013* report is the portion of the CPS ASEC sample which received the income questions consistent with the 2013 CPS ASEC, approximately 68,000 addresses.

The 2014 CPS ASEC (which refers to health insurance coverage estimates of the calendar year 2013) is the first to use the redesigned measures of health insurance coverage. Following more than a decade of research, evaluation, and consultation with outside experts, the Census Bureau implemented an approach shown to improve the accuracy of health insurance coverage measurement. Due to these changes, data for the 2014 CPS ASEC are not comparable with data from earlier years.

The following were components of the redesigned instrument:

- Question on current coverage to improve responses to questions about health insurance coverage in the previous calendar year.
- Questions at both the household- and person-level, so the questions do not have to be repeated for each person once the information is obtained and, at the same time, all household members are mentioned by name.
- Designed to simplify reporting about plan types, using information already captured about the household to present appropriate follow-up questions.
- Questions about health insurance exchanges and Marketplace participation.
- Question on employer offered health insurance.