

ERRATUM Diary DTBD files

Consumer Expenditure Public-Use Microdata

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To users of the **2005** Consumer Expenditure Public Use Microdata Files:

An error was found in the Diary DTBD files.

No additional addenda are necessary, as the files you've downloaded already have the appropriate addenda applied.

DTBD file:

The following Diary files were affected:

SAS (*.sas7bdat), SPSS (*.sav), STATA (*.dta), ASCII-comma-delimited (*.csv):
DTBD051.* DTBD052.*, DTBD053.*, and DTBD054.*

Variables affected: AMOUNT, AMOUNT_

An error was discovered in the Diary income files (DTBD) for 2005. For select NEWIDS, the variable AMOUNT corresponding to UCCs 950000 (Federal income taxes) and 950010 (State income taxes) was topcoded when it should not have been. The addendum files included the correct, original value for AMOUNT and the correct corresponding flag (AMOUNT_). The error affected a total of 190 records (48 in 2005Q1, 59 in 2005Q2, 38 in 2005Q3, and 45 in 2005Q4). The error inflated the overall mean for taxes. As a result of the error, the weighted mean for all consumer units increased from \$2443.74 to \$2459.09 paid for Federal taxes annually (UCC 950000) and from \$596.46 to \$621.71 paid for State and local income taxes annually (UCC 950010).

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