Application to use the SIPP Synthetic BETA File

The Census Bureau has placed the SIPP Synthetic BETA File on a restricted remote access site requiring a password for data access and not permitting data downloads. Researchers interested in using these data should complete this application form and submit it to the Census Bureau. As part of this application, researchers must include a Feasibility statement. File access will be approved or denied based only on the feasibility of the proposal, which is determined by evaluating whether the data necessary to conduct the analysis are included on the BETA File.

Once file access has been granted, an account holder is expected to perform data analysis on the Synthetic BETA File using any or all of the file variables. Researchers are expected to share results from their analyses with the Census Bureau, ORES/SSA and SOI/IRS. The restricted access site will provide analysis software and a computing environment similar to the one used to analyze the confidential Gold Standard data on Census Bureau internal computers. While researchers will not be allowed to download data sets, they will be able to take off the results of their analyses from the Synthetic BETA File.

Users of the Synthetic BETA File who have prepared their analysis programs on the restricted access site according to the protocol listed thereon, may request that the analyses be repeated on the Completed Gold Standard File. Computer programs sent to the Census Bureau for this purpose will also be shared with ORES/SSA.

The Census Bureau will reproduce analyses conducted using the Synthetic BETA File on the Completed Gold Standard File. This activity will be undertaken by Census Bureau employees authorized to use these confidential data. Once an analysis has been repeated on the Completed Gold Standard File, the Gold Standard result summaries will be reviewed by the Census Disclosure Review Board (DRB). Data products and output approved by the DRB will be released to the users, ORES/SSA, and SOI/IRS.

Please submit this application to sehsd.synthetic.data.use.list@census.gov.

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Project Summary

Feasibility Statement: Please list the variables required by the project. Project approval depends only on the availability of the required data. For a list of variables on the Synthetic Beta File, please see the document "Technical Description SIPP Synthetic Beta."

Census Response: Approval/Denial

☐ Approved
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