

Disclosure Review Board Minutes
6/21/10

Attendees: Arnie Reznick, Laura Zayatz, Phil Steel, Rebecca Rubiera, Marie Pees, Tom Blatt, Jason Lucero, Phil Gbur

1. 2009 AHS Metro-Seattle

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This was approved.

2. Data swapping for topcoded values

It should be noted that the topcodes can change annually using the latest ACS estimates. The DRB was generally receptive to the idea. They would want to see a wide range of values. Every value should change. Values should be rounded to 2 significant digits. The top 3 cases should be reviewed manually to make sure we don't have a Bill Gates or Oprah Winfrey in sample. Phil S. will send Laura a link to a paper on modeling topcoded values.

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This was approved.

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Files 1, 2, and 3 and 5-8 were approved. We concur with the researchers' argument that even though their urban areas are based on aggregated zip codes, it would not be possible to use publicly available data to replicate the tables and identify individual households or individuals for potential geographic "slivers." The reason is that the population the researchers use to calculate the tabs is not replicable in the publicly-available data. Their population is race-specific, US-born, non-Hispanic, ages 16 and up, does not include imputed migration information and/or does not include invalid former zipcode information. DRB rules for medians and quantiles must be applied. Questions remain about File 4. What exactly does an X mean? Why are there cases where the Xs don't match for weighted and unweighted counts? What are the researchers trying to show? What is their definition of poverty?