

Disclosure Review Board Minutes
6/25/07

1. Consumer Expenditures Survey Public Use Microdata File

This continued a previous discussion. The BLS staff will check to see if the Local Vehicle Registration variable (when crossed with all other geographic variables) could identify areas with a population of less than 100,000. The BLS staff will check to see if the weights on the file can identify areas with a population of less than 100,000 (may possibly happen when PSUs cross state and region boundaries). The BLS staff will give us the distribution of the sizes of all geographic areas that can be identified on the proposed file, as well as that of those identified previously, or if that is not available, then those that would be identified if PSU was not identified on the proposed file.

The DRB will discuss the issue of topcodes (should they be based on weighted or unweighted values). The DRB will continue to discuss their concerns about the Blue Cross Blue Shield data. The DRB will continue to discuss their concerns about the make, model, and year of vehicles.

2. Continued CTPP Research

This was approved.

3. CPS special tabulation for (b) (6)

This was approved.

4. Revised STP_337 Eritrea Foreign Born for (b) (6)

The tables were approved. They will be rounded as all Census 2000 special tabulations. There must be at least 3 unweighted cases in different households in a given universe and a given geographic area for the data to be shown. The request for the list of places that do not meet the threshold but have population born in Eritrea was denied.

5. ACS/LEHD linked file tabulation for DOD

DRB rules for means and medians will be applied. We would like to see the table shells. Are they asking for the 32 pay areas, or 20 buckets, or 6 buckets? One possibility is to have a minimum of 3 unweighted cases in each cell and to do complementary suppression. What years of ACS are they asking for? What NAICS codes (2 or 4 digit)?

6. (b) (6) questions for DRB review

The group briefly discussed the questions and made comments. Any further comments should be sent to (b) (6) (they can decide who will take care of incorporating them). The DRB blanket memos should be posted on our web site as well as a link to the DRB review standard.

7. (b) (6) BTS request

This was approved.

8. STP_341 (b) (6)

This was approved. The data will be rounded as all Census 2000 special tabulations.