

DRB Minutes for Sept 18, 2006

1. STP316 (b) (6) The request is for additional poverty detail above that shown in the decennial tables. The age groupings are reasonable and the poverty bands coarser in what is presumably a denser region of the data. This tab was approved. It should be rounded as all decennial special tabs.
2. ACS rules The board would like to hold to 40% of sample (2000 census did 33% in its one time draw); if ACS would like to withhold some of the 40% sample in order to create a PUMS closer to the 2000 1% file that is their prerogative. There was a consensus that the protection from subsampling was necessary but no definitive argument for the amount, though the general sense was that we were already pushing it. There was universal agreement that going below 100,000 was a bad idea (If detail were sacrificed to accommodate a more detailed geography, it might be recovered in some instance by the tabulations ... very difficult to track down and problematic when it occurred, since the tables would already be out. Would likely spur more demands of that type).
3. Special tab ACS for PRB (b) (6). This request was approved. The tables (including the unweighted counts) should be rounded as all ACS special tabs. The cells suppressed can be restored; rounding is sufficient protection for these tables.