

DRB Minutes August 13, 2007

1. CE microdata - The geographic collapsing was approved. No more than 5 vehicles make and year (no model). That wraps it up.
2. POW synthetic allocation research, just keeping tabs-looks good.
3. (b) (6) 1 - Everything looks good, except the suppression. Recall that the difference between the count of internal and external top codes should be at least 3 to avoid knowledge that the public use top code is an indication of the internal top code being active. Suppressing the internal count doesn't do the trick, since the external count is available on inspection. We recommend that the whole row of components of income be suppressed, leaving only the total for 1987.
4. ST075-16 PRB - This was approved. Results are rounded and the 3 observation threshold has been met. The memo mentions a threshold of 40 of which we have no recollection.
5. STP 351 - This is very detailed. Each cell must be represented by 3 sample cases from 3 different households. Complementary suppressions will also be required. This should be rounded as a special tab. This was approved.
6. (b) (6) . County level tables. The standard rules for means, medians and quantiles must be observed. No exceptions granted. The results will be rounded as specified in the request. This was approved.
7. STP 352 (b) (6) - A ZCTA must have 50 unweighted children <13. Single year of age can be shown. ZCTAs not meeting the threshold can be collapsed into a balance of county or state, as appropriate. The argument went that it gives an average of 4 potential contributors per cell. This should be rounded as a special tab. This was approved.
8. Tech paper 5 AHS - Rules for quantiles must be observed. This was approved.
9. Expulsion in SIPP - The item "number of times" should be topcoded.
10. STP 350 (b) (6) - This was tabled. Note that some of the tables are shadows; they provide input but are not part of the publication.
11. Discussion on DOJ request - An expert on MEPS IC should be consulted (b) (6) and its current publication reviewed. The closest precedent seems to be County Business Patterns. The detail in firm size is important and also whether "firm" means company (CBP is establishment based). Whether Nevada is published already is relevant (also how large the balance of Nevada without Las Vegas). Write-in or individual plans seem to us to be out of bounds. (b) (6) will talk to (b) (6).
12. STP353 (b) (6) - This was approved. This should be rounded as all special tabs.
13. (b) (6) 2 Gini values - This was approved.
14. 0606 (b) (6) - This was tabled.
15. Actually done 4th, since we had a guest. The policy on the Katrina effected PUMAs. There are 3 PUMAs that remain well below the desired population size. The PUMAs will be redrawn based on the 2010 census. In the interim, the 3 PUMAs should either be combined or allocated to neighboring areas. The estimate of the combined population is still somewhat below 100,000; the DRB will allow this exception. Whichever option is exercised should be maintained until the 2010 redrawing.
16. Note the email approval @August 2 of the CPS ASEC 2006 tab for (b) (6)