

Disclosure Review Board Minutes  
8/1/05

1. Disclosure for the M3

(b) (6) checked with the Legal Office regarding the use of waivers. While legal interpretation is that Title 13 does not permit the Census Bureau to ask respondents to waive confidentiality, there are a very limited number of cases where respondents have sought waivers because they want the data published, even though it might reveal their responses because of their dominance in that industry. The case discussed at the DRB meeting is one such instance and the Office of Management and Budget concurred with the request. Our initial thinking is that each level estimate should be checked each month for disclosure purposes. If an estimate fails the P% rule, then the corresponding ratio should also be suppressed. It may be that both the preliminary and final estimates need to be checked, and that all 3 variables need to be checked separately. (b) (6) has asked (b) (6) to speak with (b) (6) about what should be tested.

2. LEHD and unswapped data

The Board prefers that LEHD not have a copy of the unswapped data. In order to maintain tighter control over the unswapped data and ensure that these files are not used inadvertently to produce tables that are released to the public, the DSCMO and the Statistical Disclosure Avoidance Research Group in SRD should be the only areas with access to the unswapped data. The DSCMO can aid other areas in sampling the unswapped data; in linking the unswapped data to other data sets, provided that the resulting files released to other areas identify no geographic areas below the state level; or in attaching certain variables from the unswapped data to the swapped data. Such variables must not change the swapped geographic location.

3. ACS - Census comparison report for the foreign born

This was approved EXCEPT for the unweighted tables.

4. 1970 Vocational Training

This was approved.

5. 1980 Graduation Rates

This was tabled. It will be part of a larger request.