

Disclosure Review Board Minutes

7/9/07

1. 0612 (b) (6) synthetic data tables

This was approved.

2. 0412 (b) (6)

This was approved.

3. 0524 (b) (6) part 1

The Board wants to make sure that internal topcodes (often higher than those on public use files) cannot be attached to public use microdata files for records with unique combinations of characteristics. For example, a user might be able to do this using tables on pages 11 and 13 (or tables on pages 15 and 17). One possible solution is to make sure that the differences in counts between the pairs of tables is at least 3. There may be other solutions.

4. 0524 (b) (6) part 2

This was approved. DRB rules for quantiles/percentiles will be applied. It would appear that all of these meet the rules because they are either estimates from a distribution or one could get them from the public use data.

5. Continued discussion of the Consumer Expenditure Survey

There are a handful of states with no Blue Cross Blue Shield values. (b) (6) will check to make sure that is because the counts are zero. The other values seem large enough. The values for local vehicle registration are too small. They could identify geographic areas that do not meet the 100,000 population minimum. This variable should be removed.

6. More CTPP research

This was approved.

7. 2006 ACS PUMS

This part of the request was approved. (b) (6) will discuss the checklist on this next Monday.

8. 2007 ACS table of industry

This was approved for the ACS standard table package.

9. Demographic Directorate FAQs

Please send any and all comments to the entire DRB. (b) (6) will organize our comments.

10. Note that the STP_342 (b) (6) and the ACS 2005-2006 Fertility Report were approved via e-mail.
 11. ACSO's response memo to the State Data Centers on releasing a larger percent of the ACS data on the PUMS
- (b) (6) will attempt a rewrite of the last paragraph and add subsampling as one of our ways to protect data.