

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Census Bureau
June Fertility Supplement
OMB Control Number 0607 - 0610

B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

We conduct the June Fertility Supplement in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 16 million households. From this universe, we select a sample of approximately 72,000 households each month, of which approximately 60,000 households are eligible for interview.

We actually interview about 57,000 households each month. We ask the items in the June supplement, as appropriate, for members of these households. Based on previous response rates for similar questions, we expect the supplement response rate to be approximately 94.7 percent.

2. Procedures for Collecting Information

The Fertility Supplement is a supplemental survey associated with the June CPS. Attachment E gives an overview of the CPS sample design and weighting methodology. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

We maintain response rates and data accuracy for the CPS at high levels through computer edits, interviewer instruction and training, and close monitoring of these data. (Refer to paragraph 5 of Attachment E for a discussion of the CPS nonresponse.) Some amount of allocation for item nonresponse is done within the June supplement for eligible people.

4. Testing of Procedures

We do not require testing of procedures and methods given that we have conducted the June Fertility Supplement since 1971. Attachment F discusses the reliability of estimates produced by the June 2008 supplement.

5. Statistical Aspects and Data Collection

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Attachments

- A. Supplemental Questionnaire
- B1. Supplemental Table 8. Comparison of Annual Births between Vital Statistics and the June Current Population Survey: Selected Years, 1978 to 2006
- B2. Supplemental Table 9. Comparison of Childbearing Patterns Between Vital Statistics for Calendar 2005 and the June 2006 Current Population Survey
- B3. Fertility of American Women: June 2006, Current Population Reports P20-558
- C. Confidentiality Brochure
- D. CPS Advance Letter
- E. Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology
- F. June 2008 Source and Accuracy Statement