# Findings and Recommendations from Cognitive Testing of the Annual Survey of Public Employment and Payroll Forms: E-6 Form Changes

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# **Background**

Response Improvement Research Staff (RIRS) conduct additional pretesting for the Governments Division's (GOVS) Annual Survey of Public Employees and Payroll (ASPEP) E-6 form. The ASPEP collects information about the amount of payroll and the frequency of pay for employees across a variety of government entities, including schools, universities, special districts, towns, and municipalities. The current testing is the final round of testing for the newly redesigned forms for the 2013 data collection year.

In March and June of 2012, RIRS conducted two rounds of cognitive pretesting on the redesigned forms. The paper forms have migrated into the Census Bureau's integrated Computer-Assisted Data Entry (iCADE) data capture system and will make use of the Optical Character Recognition processing capability of that system. The first two rounds of testing evaluated the new layout. The iCADE processing requirements changed the layout, resulting in an increase the number of pages of the forms. Respondents in these two rounds noticed and did not like this change. Their initial perceptions of this change were that the form was more burdensome and asking for new information, making it less likely that respondents would report in a timely manner.

Based on this feedback, the ASPEP staff looked into ways to reduce the number of pages on the redesigned forms to help the forma appear less burdensome. For the E-6 form, which applies to all types of school systems, the ASPEP staff looked into tailoring the form to specific types of schools. The current E-6 form applies to three different types of schools: Elementary and Secondary educational programs, Post-secondary educational programs, and schools that offer both kinds of educational programs. Respondents at schools that offer only one type of educational programs have had to locate and fill out only the appropriate sections of the form, leaving the sections of the form that do not apply blank. Not only does having this single form foster response errors when respondents fail to fill out the correct section of the form, it also increases the perceived length on the form.

Based on these problems, we recommended splitting the E-6 into three separate component forms: new form that would go to Elementary and Secondary schools (Form E-8), a new form that would go to the Post-secondary schools (Form E-10), containing only the relevant sections of the form, and the current E-6 that would remain the same but only go to those schools that offer both types of educational programs. We tested the division of this form into the three components for this round of testing.

# **Research Methodology**

#### **Participants**

In September, 2012, we conducted 10 interviews with respondents from schools in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area. While we attempted to recruit all three types of school systems, we focused our efforts on schools with both types of educational programs, and schools that offered Post-secondary programs. In previous rounds of testing, we were unable to meet with these types of schools, therefore, we wanted to make sure that we would not only be able to evaluate the form splitting, but that we would also get feedback on the overall form changes. Our respondents for this round of testing included Human Resources employees and Payroll employees. Table 1 indicates the number respondents from each type of school with whom we met.

Table 1: Types of government entities by form type.

Type of School	New Form Number	Number of Respondents
Elementary/Secondary and Post-Secondary	E-6	1*
Post-Secondary	E-10	2
Elementary/Secondary	E-8	7

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the sample file we used for recruiting, we initially thought we recruited three E-6 – type schools. However, once we met with two of these schools, we discovered that they were incorrectly classified. Both school systems only offered Elementary/Secondary educational programs.

#### **Materials**

The two new forms we tested in this round were identical to the E-6 form, except they contained only the from-specific and payroll sections. Also, in an effort to reduce the form length, ASPEP staff reduced the number of pay-intervals that respondents can record across all of the ASPEP forms. The forms now only have space for two pay intervals. Appendix A contains all three questionnaires we evaluated in this round of testing.

#### **Procedures**

We conducted our interviews using concurrent and retrospective think-aloud techniques, with follow-up probes. We gave respondents copies of the form, along with verbal instructions to complete it, but not to report actual data if doing so would be inconvenient or time-consuming. Most respondents used data from a previously-completed form to complete the current form.

As respondents went through the form, we observed how they navigated from question to question and page to page. We asked non-leading questions about their impressions of the layout and instructions. We non-directively probed their responses until we had a thorough and accurate understanding of their perceptions. Appendix B contains a copy of the protocol we used for cognitive interviewing.

In this report, we present our overall findings and recommendations for all three forms first. Because all three forms contain the same questions and question wording, we will not discuss the forms separately. However, we will present item-specific recommendations.

# **E-4 Findings and Recommendations**

In this section of the report, we present or findings and recommendations from all three forms.

# Finding #1: Overall impressions of the forms

Overall, respondents tended to like the redesigned forms. Our respondents in this round of testing echoes what we heard in the previous rounds of testing. They like the "clean" look of the form. They also liked the vertical alignment of the full-time and part-time employees and payroll. For one school, the horizontal alignment of the two categories on the previous form resulted in a response error. This respondent reported the total number of hours for both full-time and part-time on their 2012 form. It was not until she saw that the "Hours" answer boxes were associated with the "Part-time Employee" section of the form that she realized her error on the previous year's form. The redesign was successful at keeping her from perpetuating the response error.

Most of our respondents did not express an explicit preference for the new form. However, they did indicate the features that they liked. One respondent preferred the old form to the new form. She indicated that she preferred the old form because she liked the open boxes and the zeroes that were included in the answer blanks for Part 2.

Recommendation: None

# Finding #2: Form splitting -E-8 and E-10

During this round of testing, we met with nine schools that will be receiving one of the new, tailored forms. Only two of these respondents actually noticed the fact that the form was shorter. However, we pointed out to the other respondents that the form was more specifically tailored to their school's educational program and asked for their reactions to that change. All of our respondents liked the change to the forms. As one respondent said, "shorter is better." It is worth noting that none of the respondents who had previously filled out the E-6 form had any problems with it. They were able to locate the applicable sections on the form. However, they still preferred a more relevant, tailored form.

Recommendation: None

# Finding #3: Multiple Pay intervals

For the 2013 data collection year, the ASPEP forms will have answer spaces for respondents to record up to two different pay intervals. If the government or school has more than two pay intervals for employees, respondents need to make copies of the pages on which they will record the pay intervals. Previous versions of the form have allowed respondents to record up to three different pay intervals for employees before needing to make copies of the from. However, ASPEP staff researched the frequency with which governments record more than two pay intervals for their employees, and found the incidence to be somewhat infrequent. As a result of this analysis, in an effort to reduce the number of pages on all of the ASPEP forms, the ASPEP staff eliminated the response boxes for a third pay interval.

This change to the number of pay intervals that respondents can record created a problem for one of the schools with which met. This school system pays all full-time employees on a bi-weekly basis, some of the part-time instructional personnel on a monthly basis, and some of their part-time non-instructional staff (coaches) on a quarterly basis. When recording the payroll information in the instructional and non-instructional portions of the form, the respondent did not encounter any problems. Each category of employee only had two codes. However, when the respondent reached the "Total" section of Part 2, she realized that there was only space to record two of the three pay intervals for her employees. The respondent was confused as to how she was supposed to record the third pay interval on the form. She ultimately decided to write in the total for the third pay interval underneath the answer boxes for the total. Because this respondent wrote outside of the valid text entry boxes, the iCADE system most likely would either miss these additional lines of data, necessitating the hand-keying of the information.

Compounding the problem was the fact that although the respondent read through the instructions carefully she did not notice the instruction at the beginning of Part 2 that indicated what she should do if she needed additional lines to enter more than two pay intervals. When we pointed out the instruction, which read, "If more than two pay intervals need to be reported, please photocopy the necessary pages and include them with the form," the respondent still did not understand what she needed to do. Because the rest of the form refers to

"Payroll codes" not "pay intervals," it was not clear that this instruction applied to how she should record more than two pay intervals. Also, she indicated that the instruction did not tell her *where* she should record the third pay interval employees. The instruction only indicates that she should make copies of pages, not that she should fill out the additional pages. She also noted that instruction should indicate that copies should be made before the respondent fills out the form, other wise they will have filled in the answer spaces they need. The instructions should explicitly state that the respondents should make copies of the pages for the sections of the form that require more than two pay intervals before they begin filling out the form.

Recommendations: To help circumvent the problem of respondents writing in data for additional pay intervals we recommend the following changes:

- Add additional lines for more than two pay intervals in the "Total" section of Part 2. This change could be implemented for all ASPEP forms.
- Make the instructions on how to record more than two pay intervals more prominent at the beginning of Part 2, either by bolding or by italicizing the instruction.
- Make the instruction that respondents need to make copies of the pages first, then fill them out more clear. The revised instruction could read:

"If more than two pay intervals need to be reported, please fill out this form online or first photocopy the pages where you need more than two lines, use the copies to fill-in the additional information, and return them with the form."

- Also, consider repeating the instruction at the beginning each subsection of employees.
- Finally, consider requiring respondents with more than two pay intervals to report online. It would not only reduce respondent confusion and reporting errors, but also reduce costs.

#### Resolutions:

- ASPEP staff agreed to add two additional pay interval response lines in the "Total" section on all the ASPEP forms.
- They also will bold the instruction on how respondents should make copies of the pages and fill out the section for which they need more than two lines for the pay frequencies. The revised wording will read:

"If more that two pay intervals need to be reported, please fill out this survey online. To fill it out on paper, first photocopy the pages where you will need to report more than two pay intervals, use the copies to fill in the additional information, and return them with the form."

# Finding #4: Misclassification errors

We encountered a few classification errors during our evaluation. The sample file we used for recruiting indicated what type of forms the schools systems would get after the form splitting. Based on the classification information in that file, we recruited three schools that were listed as offering both Elementary/Secondary and Post-secondary educational programs and as receiving the E-6 form in the future. However, when we met with two of these schools, the respondents indicated that their schools do not offer any Post-secondary education. Accordingly, these schools should receive the E-8 form. There may be additional errors on the sample frame that we did not detect in our testing.

We also met with a school system that was receiving multiple forms for the individual Elementary/Secondary schools within her city's school system. She had previously filled out the individual forms (however, she has not reported for the city in recent waves of data collection). During our discussion, we discovered that she did not need to receive these individual forms. She could report for all of the city's schools on one E-8 form. Given the errors we found in the sample frame file and the importance of accurate frame data for the division of this from, we advise the ASPEP staff to review that sample frame carefully to ensure that school systems have the correct classification.

Recommendation: None

# Finding #5: Online Reporting

Most of our respondents indicated that they preferred to respond to the survey online. At the end of our testing, we asked these respondents who preferred to fill out the form electronically if they would like to receive a paper form in the mail, or if they instead would like to receive a reminder letter with their username and password (and instructions on how to request a paper form, should they want one). Only one of the respondents indicated that she preferred to receive a paper form. The remaining respondents indicated that they did not need to receive the paper form as long as they were able to print out a blank copy of the form from the online interface. These respondents indicated that they get similar "invitations" from other forms that they file on behalf of the State, making it a familiar method. Sending out paper forms, especially to respondents who have historically reported online can be costly. Encouraging online response could create the opportunity for cost savings.

Recommendation: Consider a small-scale pilot experiment of an electronic only mail out in the next production cycle. Conducting respondent debriefings based on a pilot experiment also could provide additional information on how respondents reacted to the online response push. Finally, consider using an online-only follow-up with nonresponding governments.

Resolution: The survey sponsors have agreed to conduct a pilot experiment on an "Internet Only" survey invitation during the 2013 data collection cycle. RIRS will work closely with the ASPEP staff to plan the pilot experiment.

# **Item-specific Findings and Recommendations**

In this section of the report, we detail our findings and recommendations for specific items on the questionnaires.

#### Finding #6: Item 2 - Full-time hours

Item 2 has respondents to report the hours for full-time employees work. In past rounds of testing, this item appears to be particularly problematic for school systems because they of the differences in the number of hours instructional and non-instructional staff work. Teachers tend to work fewer hours per week, while non-instructional staff tends to work more hours per week. Respondents either were unsure how to answer this item or provided an incorrect response. We observed similar problems in this round of testing.

One respondent answered this question in correctly. Her error was the result of the question wording. The item uses the term "on average." Based on the mention of an average this respondent answered the question based on calculating the arithmetic mean number of hours for all employees, not on the hours the majority of the

employees work. Factoring in the non-instructional employees, the average number of hours she computed was higher than the number of hours the majority of the employees, the teachers, worked.

Recommendation: Remove the reference to "on average" from the question wording. A revised version of the question might read:

"Approximately how many hours per week do the majority of your full-time employees work?"

Resolution: ASPEP staff has agreed to make the recommended changes to this item.

# Finding #7: Part 2 instructions and example

In the previous round of testing, we observed numerous problems with the example on all of the ASPEP forms. Respondents thought the example was a valid data-entry field. Based on our recommendation, ASPEP staff added a watermark to the example to make it clear that the respondents that it was not a valid data-entry field. In this round of testing, we did not observe any problems with the example. The watermark seemed to have eliminated the problem. Respondents in this round not only noticed the example, they indicated that they found it helpful toward figuring out how to fill out the form.

Other than the problem we identified in Finding 3, respondents in this round of testing also found the instructions to be clear and helpful. They especially like the bulleted instructions for the subsections of Part 2, which indicate who the respondent should include in the employee categories. They felt that this new format was easier to read than the small, right-justified print on the old version of the form. However, as with previous rounds of testing, respondents did comment that there were a lot of instructions, some of which seemed too obvious. For example, one respondent felt that she did not need to see the "Do not report" instructions, because she would never include that information in her data. However, as one respondent astutely pointed out, the detailed instructions are useful when filling out the form for the first time.

Recommendations: None

# Finding #8: Part 2 section headers

The section headers for the new E-8 and E-10 forms, which were not changed from the E-6 form, caused some problems for respondents in this round of testing. We observed two response errors that were the result of the section headers. Both of these response errors seem to be the result of not updating the headers after the split from the E-6 form.

First, one respondent to the E-8 form incorrectly filled in the total number of employees in the "Instructional staff" section of the form because she did not notice the "Instructional staff" section header. The capitalized and bolded superordinate section header, "A. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION," "over-shadowed" the non-capitalized subsection header.

Because the old E-6 form had both types of educational programs, it was necessary to include the capitalized header that identified the type of educational program that the respondent should report. However because both the E-8 and E-10 forms will only have one type of educational program, the educational program header is no longer necessary (and may not be compliant with the form standards because there are no additional sections after section A). Following this convention, the "Instructional staff" header would be the superordinate category.

Second, another respondent to the E-8 from attempted to repeat her total number of instructional employees in the "Total" section of the form. Because the section header read, "ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TOTAL," she thought it was asking for the only employees involved in delivering the educational services, making this section redundant with the "Instructional staff" section. She expressed frustration at having to repeat the information. If the header had not included the modifier, "Elementary and Secondary education" the respondent would not have been confused. This header is the same header that appears on the E-6 form, when it was necessary to specify what total the respondents should report. Because this form is now school-specific, the detailed header is not necessary.

#### Recommendations:

- Revise the headers on the E-8 and E-10 form to make the reporting categories more noticeable. Make sure they are consistent with form standards.
- Eliminate the "Elementary and Secondary education" and "College and other Post-secondary education" modifiers from the E-8 and E-10 forms, respectively.

Resolutions: ASPEP staff will make the recommended changes to the outline structure of the form.

# **Appendix A: Cognitive Interview Protocol**

#### **Research Goals:**

- Do the tailored forms work for respondents?
- How do respondents react to the form changes?

#### **Before the Questionnaire:**

- What types of services does this government entity provide?
- What is your role in this government entity? What kind of responsibilities do you have?
- What was your role in the process for responding to this questionnaire? (Gathered data? Compiled data? Checked data? Authorized release?)

#### **General Probes**

- Reflect back R's specific answer: "you said..."
- In your own words, what is this question asking?
- How did you arrive at this number/answer this question? / Tell me how you arrived at these answers. What did you include in this number? What did you specifically exclude?
- What records (if any) did you look at? Were any other people involved in the process of coming up with this number? [If Yes] What departments are they in?
- How well does this data request match with your records?

#### Item 2 - FT Hours

Warm-up probes:

- What is this question asking you?
- How did you arrive at your answers?
- What does the term "full time employees" mean to you?

# Part 2: Employees, Payroll, & PT Hours

#### Part 2 Instructions and Example:

The example and instructions bridge two pages. Make a note of how the R grapples with the layout.

- Did you notice the example?
  - O What did you think it was telling you?
  - Was it clear? Did it help you figure out what you needed to know to fill out the form? If not, what could we do to make it more helpful?
- Did you notice the instructions?
  - O What did you think they were telling you?
  - Were they clear? Did they help you figure out what you needed to know to fill out the form? If not, what could we do to make them more helpful?
  - o Anything missing? Anything that shouldn't be there?
- Did you notice the payroll frequency codes? [And at the top of the pages]
  - O What did you think it was telling you?
  - o Was it clear? Did it help you figure out what you needed to know to fill out the form?
  - o Are they easy or difficult to find?
  - o Was it helpful having them at the top of the page?

# Part 2 Reporting:

Make careful note how respondents grapple with the new layout.

- How did you arrive at your answer to this question?
- Did you have any difficulty figuring out how to report information in this question? *Make sure that respondents do not have more than two pay frequencies. (Why?)*

# FOR ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS

• Do you offer any post-secondary education? *If yes,* how would you report those employees on this form?

#### FOR POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS

• Do you offer any elementary or secondary education? *If yes,* how would you report those employees on this form?

# FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOTH TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- If respondent only reports one type of education: I noticed that you only filled out the [elem/secondary / post-secondary]. Do you have the other type of education programs?
- What made you decide not to report those employees and payroll amounts? Find out why the
  respondent appeared to report only one type of educational program. Did the respondent leave them off
  or report them elsewhere?

# **Wrap-up Questions**

- What, if anything do you like about the form that we showed you today?
- What if anything do you not like about the form we showed you today?
- (Show them the other version of the form.) Which version of the form do you like better? Why?
- About how long would it take you to complete this form (estimate in hours)?
- (If R hasn't indicated reporting online) Do you think you would fill this form out online?
- If you respond online, would you like to receive a paper form in the mail, or would you like to receive a notification to report online without receiving a paper form?

**Appendix B: Questionnaires Used During Cognitive Testing** 



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#### PART 2 - EMPLOYEES, PAYROLL, AND PART-TIME HOURS - (Continued)

If more than two payroll intervals need to be reported, please report online or photocopy the necessary pages and return them with the form.

#### Include

# **Employees**

- Current employees in paid leave status whether paid from the general, special or Federal grant funds
- Substitute teachers and student employees
- Board members or school trustees paid on a per meeting basis or a flat sum quarterly, semiannually, or annually
- Temporary or seasonal employees working the number of hours that represent full-time employment should be reported as full-time employees
- Part-time, temporary, or seasonal employees working less than the regular, full-time workweek should be reported as part-time employees

#### Payroll

- Salaries, wages, fees or commissions, as well as overtime, premium and night differential pay
- Bonuses and incentive payments that are paid at regular pay intervals
- · Amounts withheld for taxes, employee contributions to retirement systems, etc.

#### Hours

 An estimate of hours worked during the pay interval for part-time employees, not compensation on an hourly basis

#### **Exclude**

#### **Employees**

- Employees on unpaid leave, unpaid officials, pensioners, and contractors and their employees
- School board members or school trustees who serve without compensation

#### Payroll

 Lump sum payments and the value of living quarters and subsistence allowances furnished to employees

#### Do not report

- · Cumulative salaries since the beginning of the calendar or fiscal year
- Payroll amounts from last fiscal year
- Employer costs of non-wage employee benefits such as workers' compensation, FICA, health insurance, etc.

#### A. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Report here all employees of your school system except those concerned solely with college and other postsecondary level education (about grade 12), who are to be reported in Section B.

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W = Weekly:	B = Bi-Weeklv:	T = Twice a Month:	M = Monthly;	Q = Quarterly:	S = Semi-Annually:	A = Annually		

#### 1. Instructional personnel 012

## Include

- Teachers, teacher's aides, substitute teachers
- Principals, supervisors of instruction, superintendents
- School librarians, guidance personnel, psychological personnel

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# **2013 ANNUAL SURVEY OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT & PAYROLL** March 2013 - School Systems

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#### PART 2 - EMPLOYEES, PAYROLL, AND PART-TIME HOURS - (Continued)

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#### Include

# **Employees**

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- Amounts withheld for taxes, employee contributions to retirement systems, etc.

#### Hours

 An estimate of hours worked during the pay interval for part-time employees, not compensation on an hourly basis

#### **Exclude**

#### **Employees**

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#### Payroll

 Lump sum payments and the value of living quarters and subsistence allowances furnished to employees

#### Do not report

- · Cumulative salaries since the beginning of the calendar or fiscal year
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- Employer costs of non-wage employee benefits such as workers' compensation, FICA, health insurance, etc.

## A. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Report here all employees of your school system.

Payroll Codes									
W = Weekly;	B = Bi-Weekly;	T = Twice a Month;	M = Monthly;	Q = Quarterly;	S = Semi-Annually;	A = Annually			

#### 1. Instructional personnel 012

#### Include

- Teachers, teacher's aides, substitute teachers
- Principals, supervisors of instruction, superintendents
- School librarians, guidance personnel, psychological personnel

#### a. Full-time employees and gross payroll

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PART 3 - REMARKS

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## A. COLLEGE AND OTHER POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Report here only those persons employed in college and other postsecondary activities (above grade 12).

#### 1. Instructional staff 018

#### Include

- Employees engaged in college or other post-secondary level teaching and related academic (departmental) research
- Employees engaged in continuing education and other non-degree programs that are operated by degree granting institutions
- Adjunct professors and graduate teaching/research assistants (report as part-time)

#### a. Full-time employees and gross payroll

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Code	Full-time Employees	\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.			

#### b. Part-time employees, gross payroll, and hours

Part-time Payroll Code	Number of Part-time Employees	Gross \$Bil.	Payroll for Mil.	Part-time Emp Thou.	oloyees Dol.	Part-time Hours Paid





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