

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Universe and Respondent Burden

The January 2014 and January 2016 supplements will be conducted in conjunction with the CPS, for which the universe is 122 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 interviews. About 55,000 households are actually interviewed each month. The items in the supplement are asked, as appropriate, for members of the households.

2. Procedures for Collecting Information

This is a supplemental survey associated with the January 2014 and January 2016 CPS. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself. (See Attachment G. Specifically, sample design and selection are detailed in section 1, and estimation procedures are described in section 2.)

3. Methods to Maximize Response

Response rates and data accuracy for the CPS are maintained at high levels through internal consistency edits in the computerized instrument, interviewer instructions, training, and close monitoring of these data. For additional information on nonresponse, see Attachments G (section 5) and H (page 16-4). For information about data accuracy, see "Current Population Survey Design and Methodology: Technical Paper 66" (training of interviewers is detailed in Appendix D, design of the instrument is described in Chapter 6, and data processing is described in Chapter 9), available at <http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/tp-66.pdf>.

4. Testing of Procedures

Testing of these supplemental items was not required since the same survey was conducted in January 2010 and January 2012. Attachment H discusses the reliability of the estimates produced from the January 2012 Displaced Worker, Job Tenure, and Occupational Mobility supplement.

5. Contact Persons

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Attachments

- A. Supplement Questionnaire
- B. Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1 through 9
- C. News releases from January 2012 survey
- D. CPS Advance Letter
- E. Confidentiality Brochure
- F. Title 13, United States Code
- G. Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology
- H. Source and Accuracy Statement from Microdata File for January 2012
Displaced Worker, Job Tenure, and Occupational Mobility Supplement