

2020 Current Population Survey- Child Support Supplement

**OMB Information Collection Request
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Supporting Statement Part B – Statistical Methods

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B. Statistical Methods (used for collection of information employing statistical methods)

1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

The Child Support Supplement is conducted every other April in conjunction with the Current Population Survey (CPS) for which the universe is approximately 126 million households. From this universe, a sample of approximately 41,300 households is selected for the Child Support Supplement. The actual number of supplement questions posed is dependent upon the number of eligible parents in the household and their marital and child support status. Those households where there are no parents, or the parents are not custodial parents, are only asked the universe questions (Items 102-108). Any knowledgeable household respondent can be asked these questions. Those households where there is a custodial parent are asked the detailed child support questions (Items 150-704). The detailed child support questions are asked of each custodial parent if available and a proxy if not. The response rate for the April 2018 Child Support Supplement was 94.2 percent.

2. Procedures for the Collecting Information

The questions on child support comprise a supplemental survey associated with the April 2020 CPS. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself. Refer to the Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology (Attachment F).

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with Nonresponse

Response rates and data accuracy for the CPS are maintained at high levels through computer edits, interviewer instruction and training, and close monitoring of these data. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology.

Some amount of allocation for item nonresponse is done within the April supplement for eligible persons.

4. Testing of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

There are currently no methodological or questionnaire tests in progress.

5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data

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