

**OMB Information Collection Request
Supporting Statement B
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Annual Social and Economic Supplement
to the Current Population Survey
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B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

The Basic CPS universe is 128 million households. From the universe of 128 million, we select a sample of approximately 60,000 households. With the SCHIP general expansion, this increased to 70,000 households each month. Of these, approximately 59,000 households will be eligible for interview; and we will actually interview approximately 54,000 households.

The ASEC sample expands upon the Basic CPS sample by adding select households. Approximately 6,000 Hispanic households interviewed in the previous November CPS will be added. We expect to interview approximately 5,000 of these households. Additionally, we will add approximately 11,000 minority and White (with children) households that were interviewed the previous August, September, or October. We expect to interview about 9,000 of these households. Finally, we will conduct the ASEC to selected minority and White (with children) households during February and April. These households will be “borrowed” from the February outgoing and the April incoming rotation groups. We expect to select approximately 12,000 such households, with about 10,000 actually being interviewed. This brings us to a total of approximately 78,000 households planned for interview in fiscal year 2022.

We use a household respondent to answer the supplement items for all household members 15 years of age or older. The response rate for the ASEC averages 85 percent.

Table B.1: Universe, Sample Count, and Expected Response Rate

Type of Entity	Total Universe	Sample Size	Expected Response Rate	Actual Response Rate
Households	128,000,000	89,000	87.6 %	81.9 %

2. Survey Collection Procedures

This is a supplemental survey associated with the CPS. Attachment B gives an overview of the CPS sample, design, weighting methodology, and response rates. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Response rates and data accuracy for the CPS are maintained at high levels through computer edits, interviewer instruction and training, and close monitoring of the data. Refer to "Overview of CPS Design and Methodology," item 5, for a discussion of CPS nonresponse (Attachment B).

Some amount of allocation for item nonresponse is done within the ASEC supplement for eligible people. Item nonresponse rates range from less than 2 percent for the work experience items to more than 40 percent for some of the income items, such as interest and dividends. For the cases eligible for the 2021 ASEC, the basic CPS household-level nonresponse rate was 23.8 percent. The household-level nonresponse rate for the ASEC was an additional 18.1 percent. These two non-response rates lead to a combined supplement nonresponse rate of 37.7 percent.

4. Procedures or Methods Testing

There are currently no methodological or questionnaire tests in progress.

5. Individuals Responsible for Study Design and Performance

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List of Attachments:

- A - ASEC Questionnaire
- B - Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology
- C - Source and Accuracy Statement
- D - CPS-263(MIS-1)(L), CPS Respondent Letter
- E - CPS-263(MIS-1)(L), CPS Respondent Letter SP
- F - Confidentiality Brochure
- G - Confidentiality Brochure SP
- H - CPS-580(ASEC)(L), ASEC Respondent Letter
- I - CPS-580(L)SP, ASEC Respondent Letter in Spanish
- J - CPS-676, "Changing Situation" Pamphlet
- K - CPS-676(SP), "Changing Situation" Pamphlet in Spanish
- L - Statutes Authorizing the Collection