

Disclosure Review Board Minutes
12/1/08

1. Comparison of LEHD and ACS data (for potential transportation tables)

The current proposed deliverables are approved. If more information is needed in the future, this will also require DRB approval.

2. Review of commingled SSA and Census Bureau data products

Our comments will be sent to OAES and SSA, and a meeting will be held to discuss potential revisions. The statement in the Introduction that says summary statistics do not pose a disclosure risk is incorrect; some do and some do not. It should be noted that data that is transferred within the firewall must also be encrypted and can only be sent to a secure site. What are the rules for geography? State level or above? For SIPP, even some states are combined. Title 13 data should not be stored on a personal PC (put in section 4.b). We recommend that DRB members serve for more than 1 year because it takes some time to learn about the data products, potential disclosure problems, disclosure avoidance procedures, and the review process. We recommend that the SSA disclosure review board stay in contact with our DRB (in case of changes in procedures) and ask our DRB if there are any questions or uncertainties about the protection of data products. In section 6.b, note that we have rules for means, medians, and quantiles even if the frequency counts are not shown. In section 6.c, note that we do not show information for dummy variables that have fewer than 3 unweighted cases. On page 17, we were confused because there is a value of 24 in the table (24<40). Also, it should be noted that in that same example, the same collapsing scheme would need to be applied to another state to avoid complementary disclosure if a table for the entire US is shown. It should be noted that cell suppression for complex tables with more than a hand-full of primaries may be very difficult to address by hand. Graphs need to be stripped from the underlying data. Care must be taken to ensure that underlying data is not included when emailing a graph (this is not obvious in some software packages).

3. **(b) (6)** request

This was approved.

4. NYCH&VS 2008 Longitudinal File

We would like a list of variables concerning the units in the file, such as number of stories, to see if there are unusual changes that could possibly identify a unit.