

1. ACS 5 Year Base Tables

Discussion will continue on this request. Nothing has been finalized. The points listed below all warrant further discussion:

We noted that this request corresponds to the SF3 request from Census 2000 (although the number of tables went from about 800 to about 1200). There will be other requests corresponding to SF4, tables on Group Quarters, etc.

We noted that race appears in many tables. That could cause some concern about linking tables to form microdata records, but race is a variable used to target records for swapping so racial uniques get that protection.

(b) (6) handed out a list of 6 rules that the DRB previously felt should be applied to the 5 year data products (when (b) (6) asked us to look ahead as much as possible several years ago).

Rule 2 states that tables with more than 100 cells cannot be published at the block group level. Perhaps for those tables iterated by the 9 major race groups, they should be thought of as 1 table and race should be counted as a dimension with 9 categories. (b) (6) is going to get us the list of tables iterated by race (9 major categories) from Census 2000 SF3 versus this request.

Rule 6 states that for workplace tables, there must be at least 50 unweighted or 300 weighted workers in sample over the 5-year period in a given workplace for the table to be released. After the meeting, (b) (6) remembered that we were asked to consider using this same threshold for any other second or third geographic area that a respondent is affiliated with (the first area being residence which has no threshold). This came up in a meeting with another group of people working on ACS 5 year base tables.

(b) (6) has the official list of "sensitive variables or populations" (please send exact wording to (b) (6) --- thanks!). We will not publish data at the block group level for these variables or populations. They include children, non-citizens, non-English speaking people, prisoners, impoverished, terminally ill, and small minority groups (this is open to interpretation). (b) (6) mentioned including disabled or elderly living alone. (b) (6) mentioned households with non-relatives, disabled, and unmarried partners. (b) (6) mentioned those married, widowed, and new mothers within the last 12 months.

Would we want to consider a minimum nationwide category size for tables at the block group level (for PUMS the threshold is 10,000)? We realize that some places (for example) are smaller than some block groups.

2. (b) (6) 2007 Annual Profile of Exporting Companies

This request was tabled until next week because most members have not yet received it.

3. STP_395 (b) (6)

This was approved. There must be at least three contributing observations to a given Gini index for each block group and each tract for the data to be shown.

4. Synthetic LBD

This was approved.

5. 2008 ACS 1 Year PUMS

Discussion will continue on this request. It was noted that all variables will be appropriately top and bottom coded, and all categories will meet the 10,000 nationwide threshold. (b) (6) will check to see if all 50 states meet the topcode rule for property taxes. (b) (6) noted that weights on Group Quarters records could allow a user to see which respondents belong to the same group quarters. He will raise this as a possible concern with ACSO, and (b) (6) will ask (b) (6) (b) (6) about this potential concern and a potential remedy.

Also note that the requests for the Linguistically Isolated Tabulation and the Bilingual Tabulation were approved via email prior to this meeting.