

Disclosure Review Board Minutes
7/13/09

1. (b) (6) QWI Request

This was approved.

2. CPS ASEC Disability 2009

This was approved.

3. Medicare ASEC 2009

This was approved.

4. SAHIE

This was approved.

5. CPS Supplements

These were approved. Continuous variables will be top and bottom coded as in CPS using the half percent/three percent rule. Write-in responses must be put into categories with at least 3 responses per category.

6. Synthetic Series

This was approved.

7. ACS 5 year base tables

Fertility will be added to the list of sensitive variables. (b) (6) is on a NAS panel that is looking for options for transportation related data. One option is to decrease the number of base tables with means of transportation and put them into the CTPP special tabulation which would include another round of swapping targeting unique means of transportation, keep means of transportation and generate synthetic demographic characteristics, or both. We should consider increasing the swapping rate.

Concerns remain about the number of tables involving means of transportation (both base tables and special tabulations). There are some other variables that are also in many tables. These too could present disclosure problems (in terms of being able to form microdata records for small geographic areas) if there are categories with small populations and if the variables are not targeted in the swapping process. We will compile a list of these variables and consider them one by one. Please help (b) (6) compile this list. We can increase the swapping

percentage and include other variables when targeting records for swapping. Some possible variables to consider include means of transportation, household type, place of birth, poverty, geographic mobility, sex, age, tenure, race, and ethnicity. The list of variables targeted for swapping is confidential and thus is not listed here. Once we have the list of variables that appear in many tables, can we please get a national frequency count for their categories?

8. Designated Market Area special tabulation

This was approved. The data will be rounded as all Census 2000 special tabulations.

9. Educational Attainment ACS special tabulation.

This was approved. The data will be rounded as all ACS special tabulations.