

Disclosure Review Board Minutes
8/17/09

1. Title 26 address tabulations

(b) (6) will speak with (b) (6) about this. The DRB ruling applies to Title 13 data only (not Title 26 data). The IRS must issue its own ruling for Title 26 data. There must be either 0 or 3-or-more unweighted cases in each table cell (no unweighted counts of 1 or 2). Otherwise the data must be suppressed and complementary suppression must be applied.

After the meeting, it was clarified that the data will remain within the Census Bureau, just not within “restricted access areas.” The DRB does not rule on such requests.

2. Draft Island Area Reports

These should be sent via encrypted email. (b) (6) checked with (b) (6) to make sure there are no Title 5 problems with the first 2 pages.

3. ACS 2006-2008 special report

This was approved. The list of languages should be the same as that used for the ACS PUMS.

After the meeting, the request was withdrawn. We will see something in the future on this.

4. Continued discussion of the ACS 5 year base tabulations

For block groups, the Group Quarters detail will be Institutional/Non-Institutional (prisoners can therefore be taken off of the list). For block groups, the detail in languages will be English, Spanish, Asian/Pacific Islander, Other Indo-European, and All Else. (b) (6) will change the wording in the list of rules for tables containing restricted block group characteristics (not universes) to “containing estimates of or characteristics of”. Rules 5 and 6 will be changed to include Tribal Block Groups. There will not be a Rule 7 with the understanding that 5 year base tables will not be published for TAZs, for PUMAs, for State-Congressional District-County-Census Tract, or for State-State Legislative District-County-Census Tract. Any changes to the list of tables or geographic areas must be brought back to the DRB. We will wait until geography has been finalized before issuing a ruling.

NOTE: A 2007 ACS special tabulation on language spoken at home by citizenship status among the foreign born population age 5 years and over at the national level was approved via email.