

2014 Public Use Unit File Summary of Changes

Restoration of Nonresponse Units

Unit data provided in the attached files are intended to allow data users to see the individual unit data that were used to generate the estimates published in the 2014 State and Local Finances Summary Table by Level of Government and by State.

Nonresponse units are imputed in order to obtain a more accurate estimate, and not to represent an accurate time series for any individual unit. In order to prevent misuse of imputed data, nonresponse units were removed from the public use unit file in the 2013 release.

In 2014, it was decided to begin including imputed data for nonresponse units once again. However, users should continue to use caution when utilizing these data as they are not intended to be an accurate representation of an individual unit's data.

New Sample

Every five years the sample is updated to take into account the results of the most recent Census of Governments and to ease the burden on smaller governments. 2014 is the first survey cycle of a new sample, and as a result there are many units in the 2014 that were not in the 2013 file, and vice versa.