

Introducing the New Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

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SIPP: Mission

Provide a nationally representative sample to evaluate:

- Annual and sub-annual dynamics of income
- Movements into and out of government transfer programs
- Family and social context of individuals and households
- Interactions between these items

SIPP: Current Status

2008 Panel:

- Wrapped up interviews in December 2013
- All files now available for data users
- Panel bridges recession
 - Provides data over five-year period, spanning crash and recovery
 - Monthly, full-sample data from August 2008-May 2013

SIPP: Current Status

2014 Panel:

- Completed Wave 1 interviews in June 2014
 - Collected calendar year 2013 data
- Completed SSA supplement in October 2014
- Wave 2 interviews currently in progress
 - Collecting calendar year 2014 data

Classic SIPP Design: National Panel Survey

- First panel began in 1984
- 1984-1993 panels:
 - Paper instrument
 - Overlapping panel design
- 1996 panel:
 - Converted to CAPI
 - Abutting (end-to-end) panels

Classic SIPP Design: National Panel Survey

- 2004 panel:
 - CAPI revision incorporated significantly more dependent data
- 2008 panel:
 - Delayed due to budget
 - September rather than February 2008 start
- 2014 panel:
 - Most significant change since survey began

Classic SIPP Design: Sample

- Around 11,000 interviewed households for overlapping paper panels
- Expanded to about 45,000 interviewed households for CAPI
- Multistage-stratified sample of the U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population

Classic SIPP Design: Details

- 4-month recall period
 - 3 interviews per year
- Adults (age 15+) interviewed in Wave 1
 - Data collected for all people
 - Proxy interviews for children under 15
- Follows all interviewed adults in subsequent waves
 - Interview all household members at each address with original Wave 1 adult

Classic SIPP Design: Details

- The sample is divided into 4 rotation groups for monthly interviewing
- Interviews are conducted by personal visit and by decentralized telephone

Classic SIPP Design: Panel Duration

- Paper:
 - About 2½ years
- CAPI:
 - 4 years
- 2008 Panel:
 - Extended to 16 waves
 - About 5 years

Reengineering: Desired Improvements

- Reduce costs
- Reduce respondent burden
- Improve data processing system
- Modernize instrument
- Expand/improve use of administrative records

Reengineering: Key Design Changes

- Annual interview
 - 12-month reference period from 4-month
- Event History Calendar (EHC) methods
 - Facilitates respondent recall over longer reference period

Reengineering: Key Design Changes

- Scope is generally similar to SIPP
 - Broader than core
 - Includes key topical module content in each wave

Reengineering: Key Design Changes

- Better integration of concepts
 - EHC generates integrated reporting across domains
 - Topics previously implemented as add-on modules now integrated
 - Facilitate 'hooks' to enable supplements for additional content

Reengineering: Benefits

- Increased efficiency in processing and producing data products
- Added flexibility in administration
 - Dynamic interview month (anytime January-June of interview year)
 - Dynamic reference period, up to 18 months, but extending back to beginning of the reference calendar year
- Incorporated dependent data into EHC instrument

Reengineering: Benefits

- Reduced cost through annual administration
- Improved survey management through realigned structure
- Improved monitoring using all available tools – especially paradata

Reengineering: Timeline

- Proof of concept test (2008)
 - Paper and pencil reinterview test
 - Given to respondents of 2008 SIPP
- CAPI field tests (2010-2013)
 - Integrated Blaise and C# instrument prototype
 - Small sample, drawn from high-poverty areas in large metro areas
- 2014 SIPP EHC-based instrument is the production SIPP instrument

Reengineering: Evaluations

- Key indicators by topic
- False and mistimed transitions
- Instrument usability/flow
- Mover locating procedures and tools
- Paradata evaluation and integration
- Any others?
 - Suggestions welcome!
 - Collaborations, too!

Reengineering: Conclusions

- New SIPP and classic SIPP produce estimates that are not substantially different
- New SIPP corresponds with administrative data at least as well as classic SIPP
- As always with panel surveys, transitions fall disproportionately on seams (now Dec-Jan)

Reengineering: Successes

- Integrated Blaise/C# survey instrument that allows:
 - Data storage through a common Blaise data structure
 - Conversational EHC navigation
 - Dependent data incorporated into EHC for Wave 2 and beyond
 - Computer Assisted Recorded Interviewing (CARI)

Reengineering: Successes

- Development of a SAS-based data processing system
 - Contains all-new, ground-up edits
 - Includes model-based imputation for topics
- Responsive and integral stakeholder involvement
- Survey realignment to a new management structure

2014 SIPP: Milestones and Plans

- Fieldwork for Wave 1
 - Data collection completed in early June
 - Sample drawn from 2010 sampling frame
 - 29,825 interviewed households
 - 70.19% response rate

2014 SIPP: Milestones and Plans

- In the middle of fieldwork for Wave 2
 - Runs through the end of May
 - Return to all previously interviewed households
 - Also follow movers

- First data release from 2014 planned by late 2015

2014 SIPP: Milestones and Plans

- SSA Supplement
 - Data collection in September and October 2014
 - Telephone survey of interviewed Wave 1 SIPP adult respondents
 - Collected on behalf of the Social Security Administration
 - Includes marital history, pension receipt, and disability questions not included in SIPP interview
- Overhauled website live at:
 - <http://www.census.gov/sipp/>

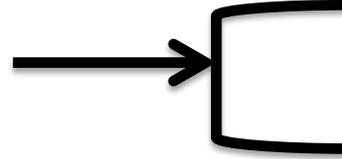
2014 SIPP: Content Overview

- Coverage Questions
- Roster
 - Sex
 - Birthdate/ Age
- Demographics
 - Hispanic origin
 - Race
 - Citizenship
 - Language
 - Marital status
 - Parent/child relationships
 - Educational attainment
 - Armed forces status
 - Type 2 people
 - Program/income screeners
- Event History Calendar
 - Residency
 - Marital history
 - Educational enrollment
 - Jobs/Time not working
 - Program receipt
 - Health insurance
- Post-EHC Questions
 - Health insurance
 - Dependent care
 - Non-job income
 - Program income
 - Asset ownership
 - Household expenses
 - Health care utilization
 - Medical expenditures
 - Disability
 - Fertility history
 - Biological parents' nativity and mortality
 - Child care
 - Child well-being
 - Adult well-being
- Closing Screens
 - Respondent Identification Policy
 - Contact information
 - Moving intentions

2014 SIPP: Content Highlights

Demographics:

- Roster: Interview-month household residents
- Roster of people you lived with during the year but who aren't in the interview month household (Type 2)
- Age, race, Hispanic origin, sex
- Relationship to householder, including options for same-sex partners and spouses
- Marital status, spouse pointer, year of marriage, times married, ever widowed, ever divorced, fertility screener

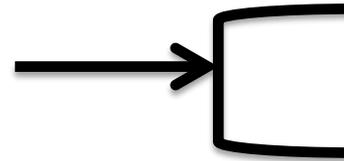


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2014 SIPP: Content Highlights

Demographics:

- Gender neutral parent identification (Parent 1 and Parent 2)
- Type of parent for parent 1 and 2
- Nativity, citizenship, year moved to U.S., immigration status
- Education: Attainment, vocational/technical, professional certificates and licenses
- Armed forces service: Veteran status, period of service, active duty



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CALENDAR (EHC)

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Re-Engineered SIPP 2015 Ver 7.08--07/23/2014

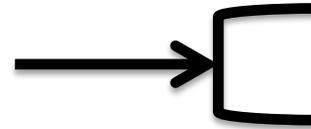
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Topic	REFERENCE YEAR 2013												INTERVIEW YEAR 2014					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Residency																		
Marital History																		
Education																		
Job 1																		
Job 2																		
Job 3																		
Job 4																		
Job 5																		
Job 6																		
Job 7																		
More Jobs (if any)																		
No Job																		
SSI																		
Food Stamps																		
TANF																		
Gen. Assist.																		
WIC																		
Private 1																		
Private 2																		
Medicare																		
Medical Assista...																		
Military																		
Other Coverage																		

2014 SIPP: Content Highlights

Residency:

- Up to 5 residences during the calendar year for each person
- Tenure status of each residence
- Public housing status: Housing subsidy receipt, voucher receipt
- Reason for moving to address
- Left censor: Year and month moved into January address, tenure of prior residence



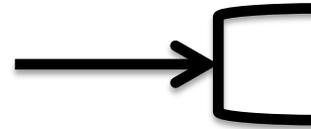
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Marital History:

- Up to 3 marital status spells
- Monthly marital status, with spouse pointer
- Monthly cohabitation status, with partner pointer
- Registered domestic partner item for cohabitations



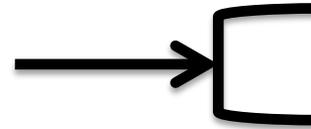
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Educational Enrollment:

- Up to 3 spells of educational enrollment
- Grade attended
- School type (public, private, charter, home)
- Enrollment type (full-time/part-time)
- Grade repetition
- Head Start for children 7 and under

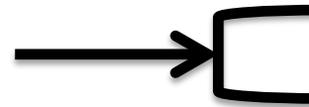


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Labor Force:

- Up to 7 discrete job/business timelines, each with 2 spells possible
- Timeline for additional work beyond the first 7 jobs
- Type of pay/pay rate
- Job earnings and business profits
- # of hours usually worked per week
- Changes in earnings or hours worked (up to 3)
- Industry, occupation, and class of worker
- Business/employer name, size, type, address
- Union status
- Incorporation status
- Presence of partners (business)
- Time away without pay

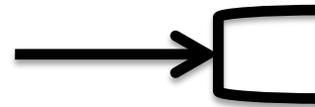


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Unemployment:

- Spells of unemployment
- Time away from work
- Time out of the labor force
- Reason not working
- Availability for work
- Reason not available



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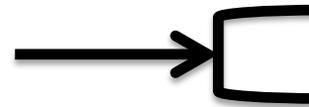
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Commuting:

- Mode(s) of travel
- Time to work
- Miles to work
- Costs for a typical week
- Reimbursement of costs

Work Schedule:

- Days worked
- Start and stop times
- Working from home
- Type of schedule
- Reason for schedule



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2014 SIPP: Content Highlights

Programs:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Pass-through child support payments
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - Food Stamps)
- General Assistance
- Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC)



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2014 SIPP: Content Highlights

Programs:

- Up to 3 spells per year recorded for each program
- Who in the household is covered
- Ownership of the coverage
- Reasons for starting and stopping
- Amount received each month
- Up to three changes in amounts



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Health Insurance (in EHC):

- Private, Medicare, Medicaid, Military, and Other Coverage timelines
- Two timelines for private coverage to allow overlapping spells
- Who in the household is covered
- Ownership of the coverage
- Whether anyone outside household covered
- Type of coverage
- Cost
- Type of private plan
- Type of deductible
- For 2015: Exchange participation moves to EHC

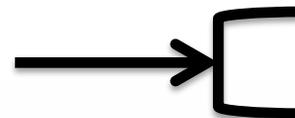


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Health Insurance Follow-up (post-EHC):

- State-based health insurance exchange use (2014)
- Premiums and reimbursement
- Reconciliation of time without coverage
- Reasons no private if employed but not covered
- Reasons no public if not covered at all
- Reasons for not being covered



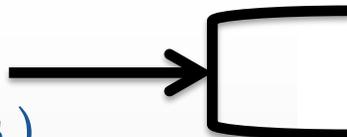
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Programs (Annual and Other):

- Paid care of children or disabled persons so that a person could work, attend training, or look for work in December of reference year
- Total cost of that care in December
- Social Security retirement income and deductions for Medicare (monthly amts.)
- VA benefits (monthly amts.)
- Worker's compensation (monthly amts.)
- Unemployment compensation (monthly amts.)
- Energy assistance

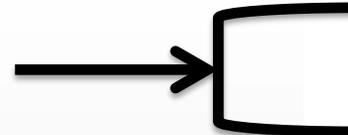


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Programs (Annual and Other):

- Free and reduced-price meal programs
- Lump-sum payments
- Disability income
- Retirement income
- Miscellaneous cash income
- Survivor benefits
- Child support and alimony received
- Support payments made
- EITC receipt and tax filing status
- Other training, food, clothing, cash, and housing assistance



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Assets – Income, Joint Holdings, and Balances/Values for:

- Checking and savings
- Money market accounts or funds
- Certificates of deposit
- Mutual funds
- Stocks
- Municipal and corporate bonds
- Government securities and savings bonds
- Royalties
- Rental property and rental property mortgage balance
- Other mortgages
- Miscellaneous investments



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Other Assets:

- Real estate owned, market value, and balance owed
- Vehicles (up to 3 per household):
 - Use
 - Make
 - Model
 - Year
 - Balance owed
- Business value and debt
- Retirement account balances
- Unsecured liabilities

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Medical Expenditures:

- Overall health status
- Medical out-of-pocket expenses
- Health care utilization
- Hospitalization
- Sick days
- Doctor visits
- Dental visits/teeth lost
- Drug coverage
- Insurance premium payments
- Medical visits by uninsured

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Disability:

- Sensory disabilities (sight and hearing)
- For adults: Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, making decisions, walking or climbing stairs, dressing or bathing, doing errands, finding a job or remaining employed, prevented from working
- For children: Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, making decisions, walking or climbing stairs, dressing or bathing, playing with children of the same age, doing regular school work
- For young children: A developmental condition or delay that limits ordinary activity
- SSA: Detailed adult, child, and work disability sections in the 2014 supplement



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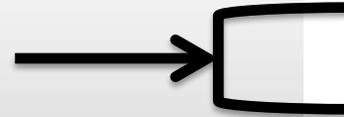
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Fertility:

- Roster and ages for children birthed/fathered
- Identification of 'other parent' if not resident, enabling multi-partner fertility measure
- Grandparent indicator

Parents' Nativity and Mortality:

- Asked about biological parents
- Collected for both mother and father
- Date of birth
- Country of birth
- Mortality status
- Month/year of death



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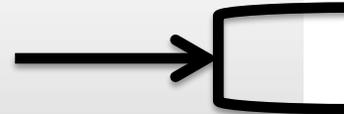
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Child Care:

- Type of arrangements used
- Which children used each
- Weekly amount paid for child care
- Assistance with costs
- Time lost from work related to child care

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Child Well-Being:

- Eating dinner with parents
- Reading to and outings with children under 6
- School engagement, school effort
- Grade repetition, suspension, expulsion
- Gifted classes
- Sports, lessons, club participation, religious lessons

Adult/Material Well-Being:

- Environmental noise, trash, safety
- Problems with housing, pests, plumbing
- Ability to pay mortgage or utilities

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Food Security:

- Able to buy enough food
- Able to eat balanced meals
- Cut size of meals, and, if so, how often
- Defer food to children
- Hungry because not enough money for food

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2014 SIPP: Future Plans

- Create crosswalks from old to new SIPP
- Additional workshops for data users
 - Next workshop: May 15 at Census HQ
- Code repositories
- Data utilities
- Users' groups
- Reinvent SIPP's public image
- Broaden SIPP's user base and collaborations

Summary: New vs. Classic SIPP

	NEW SIPP	SIPP CLASSIC
Instrument	Blaise/C#	DOS-based
Interview Type	Personal visit/telephone	Personal visit/telephone
Interview Frequency	Annual	3x/year
Reference Period	Previous year	Previous 4 months
Panel Length	4 years (planned)	2.5-5 years
Sample Size	52,000 households (W1)	11-45,000 households (W1)
Universe	Civilian, non-institutional	Civilian, non-institutional
Content	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
File Structure	Simplified	Complex

Summary:

SIPP's Advantages

- Comprehensive, detailed data on a variety of topical areas
- Measures dynamics of:
 - Households
 - Families
 - Individuals
- Longitudinal
- Follows movers

Summary:

Data Resources

- 2008 Panel
 - 5+ years of data
 - Bridges recession
- 2014 Panel
 - Planned release of Wave 1 in late 2015
 - Planned release of Wave 2 in mid-2016

Summary:

Data Sources

(Learn More Later in the Workshop!)

- SIPP website
- Census FTP site
- DataFerrett
- Orlin Systems
- SIPP Synthetic Beta

