

## RELEASE NOTES: 2018 SIPP

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### Version 1.0 (Released 08/18/2020)

The U.S. Census Bureau released public-use data from the 2018 Survey of Income and Program Participation (2018 SIPP). The 2018 SIPP includes Wave 1 of SIPP's 2018 Panel. The data are available in STATA, SAS, and pipe-delimited CSV format.

The SIPP provides comprehensive information about the income and program participation of individuals and households in the United States. The survey collects data and measures change for many topics, including economic well-being, family dynamics, education, assets, health insurance, child care, and food security. SIPP is a longitudinal survey, following the same set of respondents over a four-year period, allowing researchers to understand how these contexts change over time.

Accompanying the data release are a number of supporting materials to assist data users:

- (1) Metadata and a data dictionary describing all variables on the 2018 dataset
- (2) An updated Users' Guide to assist data users and provide background on the survey
- (3) User notes describing nuances with the data and other data issues to be aware of
- (4) Crosswalks that map 2018 SIPP variables to their analogues in the 2014 Panel, and vice versa

These materials are available on the SIPP website at <[www.census.gov/sipp](http://www.census.gov/sipp)>, as is other information about the survey and a link to download the data. Additional announcements, including notifications of version updates, will be made as necessary through the SIPP website and the SIPP email notification system. To be added to the SIPP email notification system, visit the "Contact Us" page on the SIPP website at <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/contact.html>>.