

RELEASE NOTES: 2014 SIPP Wave 1

Revision History		
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Version 1.1 (Released 09/27/2017)

The U.S. Census Bureau is re-releasing the public data from the reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). This dataset contains updates to Wave 1 of the 2014 SIPP panel. The following updates were made for this re-release:

1. Some 14 year olds had fertility information in the initial release but are now properly set to NIU
2. The variable ERP (identifies adults who are reference parents) now appears in the public use file
3. The recode variable RPVOTHRC (other work-related commuting expenses across all jobs) now appears in the public use file
4. EJB(1-7)_DYSWKD – initial release had values of 0 that are now properly set to .
5. TJB(1-7)_IMBMIC – initial release had values of 0 that are now properly set to .
6. TBORNPLACE - Those born in Puerto Rico, Island Areas, and Foreign Countries are now properly coded.
7. EBORNSTATE is no longer on the public use file
8. EPVOEXPC/EPVOEXP – Those who are self-employed were coded as 2 but are now coded as .
9. EPVOTHRC – Those who only walk to work were imputed, but are now coded as .
10. RMOVER no longer counts newborn babies as movers
11. TJB(n)_PRFTB is now constructed using topcoded versions of both wage and salary income and profits (EJB(n)_PRFTB).
12. The variables AJB7_AWOPCH3 and EJB(n)_PFTBHK are no longer on the public use file
13. The variables AJB7_AWOPRE3, AJB6_CHEARN2, and AJB7_CHEARN2 are now on the public use file
14. All respondents with TAGE<15 now have valid values on RWKSPERM.
15. XJB(n)_WKSUM was defined as a numeric 3 but is now defined as numeric 8
16. Updated universes for EENERGY_ASST and ENERGY_PMT(1-3)
17. EFS_SCRNR, AFS_SCRNR, ETF_SCRNR, ATF_SCRNR, EGA_SCRNR, AGA_SCRNR, EWIC_SCRNR, and AWIC_SCRNR are no longer on the public use file
18. WIC amounts (TWICAMT) are now imputed to reflect different WIC unit sizes
19. Updates were made to the status flags for AFSYN, ATANFYN, APTYN, AGAYN, AWICYN, AFSCOV, ATANFCOV, AGACOV, AWICCOV, and APTCS
20. Adjustments were made to the begin (EFS_BMONTH, ETANF_BMONTH, EWIC_BMONTH, and EGA_BMONTH) and end months (EFS_EMONTH, ETANF_EMONTH, EWIC_EMONTH, and EGA_EMONTH) of some spells
21. HRMWKHRS now properly categorizes all 0s, figures less than 1, and figures between 14-15 and 34-35. Previously, these answers were lumped as “3” (i.e. 35 or more hours

of work per week) within HRMWKHRS (average work hours per week in month 12 of the reference year).

22. Made updates to age universe for ESSAGEE
23. An issue affecting the universe for the SNAP left-censored year variable is that in 10 person-months EFSLCY \neq NIU when EFS_BMONTH \neq 1 and EFSLCY \neq NIU. In these cases EFSLCY are now correctly set to NIU. Additionally, AFSLCY is now correctly set to 0 for these cases.
24. An issue affecting the universe for the SNAP continuation flag variable is 92 person-months where RFS_CONTFLG = NIU and EFS_EMONTH = 12. In these cases RFS_CONTFLG is now correctly set to \geq 1. Additionally, in these cases AFS_CONTFLG is now correctly set to 3.
25. An issue affecting the universe for the SNAP continuation flag variable is receipt is 162 person-months when RFS_CONTFLG \neq NIU and EFS_EMONTH < 12. In these cases RFS_CONTFLG is now correctly set to NIU. Additionally, in these cases AFS_CONTFLG is now correctly set to 0.
26. An issue affecting the universe for the reason SNAP receipt ended is that in 1,313 person-months EFSERSN1 \neq NIU when EFS_EMONTH = 12 and RFS_CONTFLG = (2 or 3). In these cases EFSERSN1 is now correctly set to NIU. In 49 of these records, EFSERSN2 is now correctly set to NIU.
27. The status flag for the first reason SNAP ended indicated a 100 percent reporting rate. This issue has been resolved.
28. When just one person is in universe for a coverage roster, respondents were incorrectly assigned status flag values indicating that it was imputed. These status flag values now correctly identify that the response was reported. The coverage variables that are affected here are AFSCOV (SNAP), ATANFCOV (TANF), APTCS (TANF-PT), AGACOV (GA), AWICCOV (WIC).
29. When just one person is in universe for an owner roster, respondents were incorrectly assigned status flag values indicating that it was imputed. These status flag values now correctly identify that the response was reported. Variables impacted include: AFSOWN (SNAP), ATANFOWN (TANF), and AGAOWN (GA).
30. The initial data did not check to see if the coverage type variables matches up with who is covered identified as covered by the monthly y/n variables. The coverage type variables are not correctly aligned with the reported/imputed program units.
31. An issue affecting the value of RWICCOVYN was that children born after the first month but before the end of a WIC spell never appear as covered by the benefit. If WIC was reported to cover only that child, then there is never anyone covered by the WIC benefit. This issue is now fixed.

Version 1.0 (Released 03/14/2017)

The U.S. Census Bureau is releasing the initial version of public data from the reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). This dataset contains variables from Wave 1 of the 2014 SIPP panel. The SIPP is the Census Bureau's premier survey for measuring the dynamics of income, employment, health insurance, and participation in government transfer programs. The survey provides detailed, monthly information about the family, social, and economic contexts of individuals and households. 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:

- (1) Research briefs that illustrate important demographic, program, and wealth measures from the SIPP data. These are the first briefs in a series, which will provide ongoing information from the SIPP.
- (2) Metadata describing all of the available variables on the dataset.
- (3) A Users' Guide to assist data users as they begin using the file.
- (4) User notes describing nuances with the data and other minor issues to be aware of.
- (5) Crosswalks that map 2014 variables to their analogues in the 2008 SIPP, and vice versa.

These materials are available on the SIPP website (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 listserv.

