

B. Statistical Methods (used for collection of information employing statistical methods)

1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

The April supplement is conducted in conjunction with the CPS for which the universe is 100 million households. From this universe, a sample of approximately 41,300 households is selected each month. In April, from the six rotation groups common to the March CPS sample, there are approximately 4,600 interviewed respondents that represent the sample universe for this supplement. The universe questions (Items 102-108) can be asked of any knowledgeable household respondent, while the detailed child support questions (Items 150-712) must be asked of each parent. The response rate for the April 2012 Child Support and Alimony supplement was 95.7 percent.

2. Procedures for the Collecting Information

The questions on child support and alimony comprise a supplemental survey associated with the April 2000 CPS. The statistical properties of these supplemental items will fall within those associated with the CPS itself. Refer to the Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology.

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with Nonresponse

Response rates and data accuracy for the CPS are maintained at high levels through computer edits, interviewer instruction and training, and close monitoring of these data. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology.

Some amount of allocation for item nonresponse is done within the April supplement for eligible persons.

4. Testing of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

The CPS is undergoing the latest phases in a series of methodological and questionnaire tests; these are described in paragraph 6 of the Overview of CPS Sample Design and Methodology.

5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collection and/or Analyzing Data

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