

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: How Much Time Do Americans Spend on Food?

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Analyzing the time Americans spend in various activities, and in particular food-related activities, provides insight into the decisions individuals make on how to use their time. A better understanding of eating patterns, grocery shopping, and time use patterns by Body Mass Index (BMI) group could assist programs and policies targeted toward reducing obesity and improving overall nutrition. To this end, ERS collected data on these issues through a nationally representative survey. This report presents statistics on Americans' eating patterns, time use patterns by BMI, grocery shopping and meal preparation, and on meals obtained at school by household children. Data for this study come from the Eating & Health Module (EH Module) of the American Time Use Survey (ATUS). The ATUS is a Bureau of Labor Statistics survey that is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The EH Module contains questions on eating patterns; height, weight, and health status; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamp Program), meals obtained at school by household children, and income; and grocery shopping and meal preparation.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/3/11 End: 05/12/11 Completed: 05/12/11

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

