

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food Spending Declined and Food Insecurity Increased for Middle-Income and Low-Income Households from 2000 to 2007

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service Influential Scientific Information
USDA Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report describes the relationship between national-level measures of food spending and food security over time. Data were drawn from two nationally representative surveys, the Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement (CPS-FSS) and the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES). The CPS-FSS is an annual survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau as a supplement to the monthly Current Population Survey. USDA sponsors the survey, and ERS compiles and analyzes the responses. The CPS-FSS includes about 45,000 households each year and is representative of the U.S. non-institutionalized civilian population. The food security survey asks one adult respondent in each household a series of questions about household food spending, use of Federal and community food and nutrition assistance programs, and experiences and behaviors that indicate food insecurity. The CES consists of two components, the quarterly Interview Survey and the Diary Survey, that provide information on expenditures, income, and demographic characteristics of American consumers. The survey is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Data from the two surveys are integrated to provide estimates of expenditures in over 80 subcategories of goods and services, aggregated into 14 major categories..

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 Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 5/06/09 End: 07/09/09 Completed: 07/09/09

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?

Yes

No