Workshop Title:
Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Workshop for New and Experienced Users

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Summary:
The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is the Census Bureau’s premier source of information for income and program participation in the U.S. This workshop focuses on the latest SIPP data, the 2018 SIPP Panel (covering 2017-2020 calendar years), and its applications for researchers and demographers. It also provides a hands-on introduction to weighting and estimation. This workshop is aimed at researchers of all experience levels: those who have never used SIPP, experienced SIPP data users, and those who simply want to learn more about the survey.

Workshop objectives:
- Provide an introduction and background on SIPP.
- Provide an overview of SIPP’s content, file structure, and data availability.
- Demonstrate how to import and use SIPP data.
- Provide an opportunity to increase stakeholder involvement and interaction with the SIPP Coordination and Outreach Staff (SCOS) from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Workshop goals/outcomes:
- Understand the SIPP’s complex sample design.
- Understand how to use publicly available SIPP data files.
- Know where to find learning resources to become more familiar with SIPP data and associated data products.

Benefit to attendees:
SIPP is an ideal tool for researchers interested in evaluating dynamics of income, movements into and out of government transfer programs, the family and social context of individuals and households, and interactions among these items. Yet, these data often pose challenges to new users. This workshop covers the highlights that will help participants to get started with the data.
Target audience:

We expect this workshop will be ideal for about 24 people (with a minimum of 12 and maximum of 30). Most attendees will be graduate students or early career scholars in academic and non-academic research positions from a variety of disciplines.

Workshop timing, duration, and schedule:

Wednesday, April 12, ½ day

- 60 minutes: Overview of SIPP
- 60 minutes: Data Overview
- 40 minutes: Selecting Weights and Creating Estimates
- 20 minutes: Data Access and Resource Overview
- 15 minutes: Other SIPP Data Products
- 15 minutes: FSRDC Projects and Collaboration Opportunities

Time will be included for question-and-answer periods and refreshment breaks.

Willing to convert to online workshop: Yes

A/V needs:

Presenters will use their own laptop computers equipped with SAS and Stata and will require appropriate connection to the internet, a projector, and a screen. If any presenter is unable to attend in person, we would require internet connectivity and the capacity for remote presentation.

Short biographical sketches of presenters:

Holly Fee is a Survey Statistician in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Coordination and Outreach Staff at the U.S. Census Bureau. She has worked on the SIPP in a variety of roles for eight years, and her current job responsibilities focus on (1) coordinating SIPP’s public-use dataset, (2) data review and evaluation, and (3) public outreach support. She received her Ph.D. in sociology with a focus on family demography and minor in quantitative methodology from Bowling Green State University.

Adam Smith is chief of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Coordination and Outreach Staff (SCOS) at the U.S. Census Bureau. He and his staff coordinate SIPP’s subject-matter activities related to instrument design, data processing, data review, and data publishing. SCOS also leads SIPP’s public outreach, disclosure protections, and public-use documentation. Previously, Adam served as team lead for labor force content in the American Community Survey (ACS), as well as subject matter expert for assets content in SIPP. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business from Baylor University and a master’s degree in economics from The George Washington University.
Jason M. Fields is the Senior Researcher for Demographic Programs and the Survey of Income and Program Participation. Since March of 2020, Jason has played a lead role in the content and development of the Census Household Pulse Survey, and is actively working on the development of the Census Household Panel. In these roles and in his SIPP role, he works to minimize the impact of sources of bias, facilitate analyses, and coordinate research and partnerships. His methodological interests include survey methodology, the integration of administrative and survey data, longitudinal survey design, disclosure avoidance, and promotion of the integration of administrative data and adaptive design into production survey processing. He earned a master’s degree in public health and doctorate in Demography from the Department of Population and Family Health Sciences at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Hyon B. Shin is the Assistant Division Chief of the Survey Coordination and Disclosure Avoidance Staff (SCDAS) in the Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division (SEHSD). The SCDAS area coordinates the review and release of the data from the American Community Survey (ACS), the Household Pulse Survey (HPS), and the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The coordination areas work with subject-matter experts in SEHSD and in the Population Division to ensure the highest data quality are released for these surveys.

Hyon B. Shin has a master’s degree in demography from Georgetown University and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from The Pennsylvania State University. She also earned a master’s certificate in project management from George Washington University.