

SIPP OMB Comments

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It is unclear what the justification for these sample size reductions are from the rule as written. The sample size of housing drops from 53,000 to 35,000, and now to 20,000. It is understood that response rates to Census and other federal surveys have dropped over the last decade. Unless Census plans to maintain current SIPP funding levels and devote more resources per surveyed household to elicit responses, a reduction in the sample size will be compounded by the fall in response rates. It would be beneficial for the public to know what response Census has to these concerns and whether the bureau has a plan to mitigate the near certain reduction in size of the final SIPP panel dataset, and resultant increase in standard errors in this panel.

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