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To: Harris-Kojetin, Brian
Subject: American Community Survey
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Dear Dr. Harris-Kojetin,

It has recently come to my attention that the Census Bureau is planning to drop the question "number of times married" from the American Community Survey. For those of us in the academic/research community, this would be a terrible loss. Family demographics research is not the only area which looks at these types of family indicators as factors of analysis. Having available data such as these is crucial for informing research that impacts public policy as well. We need to bolster our statistical infrastructure, not diminish it. Please take this into consideration and keep this question in the survey. I would be happy to discuss this matter further if it would be at all helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Sarah Hall