

Microdata Sneak Peek:

Where are we going this year and beyond?

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Vision

*From straightforward surveys
Through efficient processing
To continuous dissemination*

*The CE Program will provide the nation
Valuable, accurate, and complete
Information on consumer spending*

Where are we headed and what have we done lately?

Outline

- MORE FREE Microdata
- Income taxes estimation
- New Directions for tables
- CE Redesign



New Directions recently

- MORE and MORE FREE Microdata
- Online at the CE website
- Went back to 1996



New Directions: Faster Publication

- Add the newest six months, drop the oldest = 12 months of data
- Third mid-year publication was April 2, 2015
- Annual will be in early September



New Directions

Better After-Tax Income Data

- **Estimating Federal and State income taxes for the Interview Survey, as presented by Aaron Cobet yesterday.**
 - National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) TaxSim Model
 - Online at <http://www.nber.org/~taxsim/>
 - Started in the second quarter of 2013, so the complete 12 months were first published with the mid-year tables in April 2015.

New Directions for After-Tax Income

- Biggest improvement in the quality of CE non-spending data since 2004
Income Imputation
- Learn more from Geoffrey Paulin and Aaron Cobet

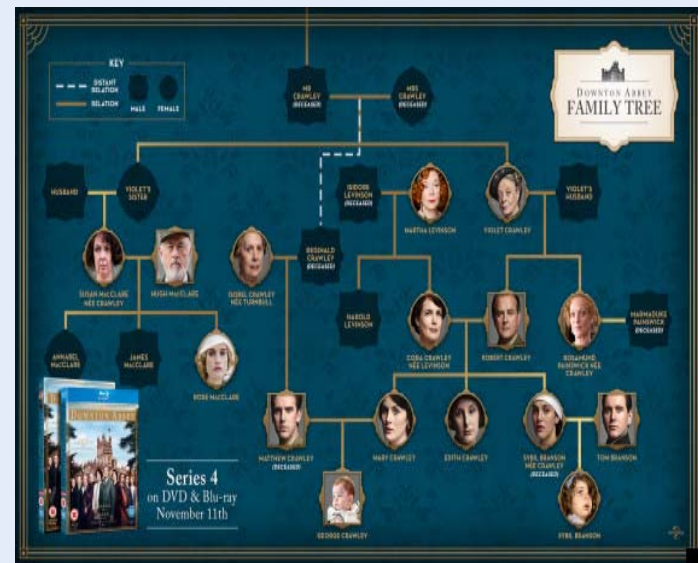
New Directions for After-Tax Income

Improvements to the Public Use Microdata

- **Tax Units identified within Consumer Units**
- **Dependents**
- **Taxes owed for each tax unit**
- **Additional tax liability details**

New Directions: Table 1502. Composition of consumer unit

- Previously in 2013, **Husband and wife consumer units**
- Starting with this April's midyear table for 2013/14, **Married couple consumer units**



New Directions: More Information later this year

- All-CU
“Prepublication”
table online
- More historic pre-
1972 data tables
- (Hopefully) NEW
demographic
variables and
cross-tabulations



New Directions: Known Destination, Route becoming clearer

- Interview Wave changes started this year
- New Sample started this year
- Dropped income tax questions this year
- Gemini Changes later



New Directions: Gemini Changes

- Single sample
- Two series of three instruments, both Diary and Interview
- One year apart





QUESTIONS?

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