

Welcome to the CE Survey Methods Symposium

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Welcome

- **Gemini Project to Redesign the CE**

- ▶ Project Overview (Erhard)
- ▶ Individual Diary Test (Elkin)
- ▶ Electronic Diary Development (Kopp)

- **Redesign Related Research**

- ▶ Overview (Safir)
- ▶ Imputation of Assets and Liabilities (Paulin)
- ▶ Integrating Outlets into CE (Yu)
- ▶ Burden Index Development (Yang)

CE Mission

The mission of the Consumer Expenditure Survey program (CE) is to collect, produce, and disseminate information that presents a statistical picture of consumer spending for the Consumer Price Index, government agencies, and private data users. In keeping with the BLS mission, CE data must be of consistently high statistical quality, relevant, timely, and must protect respondent confidentiality.

CE's mission encompasses analyzing CE data to produce socio-economic studies of consumer spending, and providing CE data users with assistance, education, and tools for working with the data.

CE Overview

- Provides information on the buying habits of **America's consumers, including expenditure, income, and household data**
- Collected for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau
- CE is the only Federal survey to provide information on the complete range of consumer expenditures, incomes, and household characteristics
- CE is used by economic policymakers, businesses, academic researchers, other Federal agencies; and by CPI to regularly revise the CPI market basket of goods and services, and their relative importance

CE Quarterly Interview

- 4 quarterly interviews
- Administered via CAPI (some phone)
- 3-month recall
- Approximately 55 minutes in length
- Annual Sample: ~28,000 interviews
- Response rates declining from the mid-70s over the last 5 years

CE Diary Interview

- 2 independent “weekly” diaries, 2 weeks of diary-keeping
- Paper diary form, only 1 instrument, i.e., no individual diaries
- 3 interviewer visits, and sometimes only 2 (double placement)
- Recall/receipt entry conducted if necessary
- Approximately 105 minutes in length (24 int)
- Annual Sample: ~14,000 one-week diaries
- Response rates declining from the mid-70s

Other Details

- All presentations will be available online:
 - ▶ http://www.bls.gov/cex/ce_2015_sympagenda.pdf
- Wifi internet access throughout the conference center, login credentials available at front table
- Coffee break between sessions
- Hold questions for the Q&A period after each session (please use microphone); also dedicated concluding remarks and Q&A period at the end of the day

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