

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?

Outline

- MORE FREE Microdata
- New Directions Data Release
- Income taxes estimation
- New Health Insurance Policies, etc. (2015)
- CE Redesign



New Directions

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



New Directions: Faster Publication

- Add the newest six months, drop the oldest = 12 months of data
- Second midyear publication was May 23, 2014
- Annual will be September 9, 2014, earliest ever



New Directions

Better After-Tax Income Data

- **Estimating Federal and State income taxes for the Interview Survey**
 - National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) TaxSim Model
 - Online at <http://www.nber.org/~taxsim/>
 - Started in the second quarter of 2013, so a complete year won't be available until the 2014 results are published.

New Directions for After-Tax Income

- **Biggest improvement in the quality of CE non-spending data since 2004**
Income Imputation
- **First look at the results: Federal and State taxes are rising and Income after Taxes is falling.**

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: More Information this year

- **AII-CU
“Prepublication”
table online**
- **More historic pre-
1972 data tables
online**



New Directions: Known Destination, Route becoming clearer

- New Health Insurance Policy Questions in 2015
- Interview Wave changes starting in 2015
- New Sample in 2015
- Gemini Changes later



New Directions: Gemini Changes

- Single sample
- Two series of three instruments
- One year apart





QUESTIONS?

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