Sneak Peek: Where are we going this year and beyond?

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Celebrating 130 Years of Consumer Expenditure Surveys!
Vision

The Consumer Expenditure Surveys Program will provide the Nation with accurate and complete information on consumer spending, based on methodologically sound surveys, efficient processing, and timely dissemination.
Where are we headed and what have we done lately?

Outline
- New for tables and microdata
- Weights for three selected states
- Next annual release date
- Changes with the future CE Redesign
- **NEW** Veteran’s Status question
- **NEW** Point of Purchase questions for selected items and Households
Changes for tables and microdata

Recently:
Research cross-tabulations with higher income ranges

New on September 11:
Redesigned healthcare questions in the microdata
Selected Age Table by aggregated spending
Coming in 2019

- More detailed geographic Census Divisions, in addition to Census Regions, using 2017 and 2018 data.
- Redesigned microdata documentation.
Also coming in 2019 and after

- New generational categories, including those born after 1997
  This will split up the Millennials into 1981-1996, and 1997+
- New income cross-tabs into production
Weights for Selected States

Work by the State Weights Team

- Susan King’s initial research, team lead by Taylor Wilson with membership from SMD and my branch
- Three states available now
- Examining sample sufficiency state-by-state
- Is becoming very useful
Changes to the CE Gemini Redesign

► Shifting to phased implementation of individual design elements, as the original redesign plan was no longer budget neutral on a production basis.

► Online Diary, pending results, put directly in production in January 2022.

► Streamlined CE Quarterly Interview Survey instrument targeted for implementation, tentatively spring 2023.

► Incentives
New Veterans Status Question

- In addition to asking if anyone in the household is currently in the US military,
- Adding a new question asking if anyone had served previously.
- Starting this month in the Interview survey, and January for the Diary.
Adding Point of Purchase Questions for the CPI

- No longer just what did you buy, but also where did you buy it?
- Expanded to selected items and addresses in CPI Urban areas.
- Starts this month.
- For internal use at BLS only: Will NOT be on the Public Use Microdata
Questions?
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