

Call for Papers

Second Biennial IRS/Census Workshop on Income Measurement

May 4, 2020

Census Conference Center

It has become increasingly important in social science research within federal agencies to account for the mismeasurement of income, earnings, and related covariates due to errors in reporting and declines in survey response rates. Simultaneously, the increasing availability of administrative data has led to a proliferation of validation studies, as well as alternate methods of calculating family- and individual-level resources.

The purpose of this one-day workshop is to highlight research related to income measurement. The workshop will focus on topics such as the inter-agency sharing of data, the methods for estimating aggregate income and income distributions, and the best practices for comparing survey and administrative measures of income, earnings, and related individual and household attributes. The aim is to ensure that researchers are aware of advancements being made by others in these areas. The opportunity to share knowledge and assess one another's work will hopefully generate ideas for future research and collaboration.

The one-day workshop will take place Monday, May 4, 2020, at the Census Bureau in Suitland, MD. While income and earnings are the main focus of the conference, we encourage the submission of research on closely related topics, such as the measurement of poverty, analyses of tax filing behavior, or studies on the use of social support programs. Submission of research in progress is encouraged, but a draft of the paper should be ready for a discussion by Monday, April 20, 2020.

Abstracts of no more than two pages should be submitted to either Maggie R. Jones (margaret.r.jones@census.gov) or Alan Plumley (alan.plumley@irs.gov) by February 7, 2020. Decisions regarding acceptance onto the conference program will be made by March 6, 2020.