

Original survey information

Generic information	
Name of survey	Current Population Survey, ASEC (Annual Social and Economic Supplement)
Institution responsible	US Census Bureau
Main objective	The CPS is the primary source of information on the labour force characteristics of the U.S. population. In addition, this annual Social and Economic Supplement provides supplemental data on work experience, income, non-cash benefits and migration.
Survey structure	Rotating panel
Frequency	Monthly (CPS) , Annual (ASEC)
Survey year / Wave	2005
Coverage	Civilian non-institutional population in the United States
Sampling	
Sampling design	Multistage probability sample for CPS, plus an additional sample for ASEC to provide more reliable data on Hispanic households.
Sampling frame	Decennial census
Final sample size	98,700 households are in the sample for the ASEC. About 84,700 are determined to be eligible for interview and about 77,200 interviews are obtained.
Collection	
Collection period	Interviews were carried out over a three-month period from February to April 2005.
Instruments and main contents	
Definitions	
Household	A household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room, is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters; that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall.
Household head	Beginning with the 1980 CPS, the Bureau of the Census discontinued the use of the terms "head of household" and "head of family." Instead, the terms "householder" and "family householder" are used. The householder refers to the person (or one of the people) in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented (maintained) or, if there is no such person, any adult member, excluding roomers, boarders, or paid employees. If the house is owned or rented jointly by a married couple, the householder may be either the husband or the wife. The person designated as the householder is the "reference person" to whom the relationship of all other household members, if any, is recorded.
Data quality aspects	
Unit response rate	For the cases eligible for the 2005 ASEC, the basic CPS nonresponse rate was 9.4 percent. The nonresponse rate for the Annual and Economic Supplement was an additional 9.4 percent. These two nonresponse rates lead to a combined supplement nonresponse rate of 17.4 percent.
Item non-response / imputation	Missing data are assigned values based on hot-deck imputation.
Weighting	Weights adjust for sample non-response and inflate to total population calibrated in two ways : age, sex and race , and age, sex and Hispanic origin. The ASEC file includes a further adjustment so husband and wife of a household receive the same weight.
Labour market information	
Source	Interview
Reference period	At present, as well as calendar year 2004
Definition of employment	Having worked at least one hour during 2004
Treatment of military personnel	Military personnel who live in households with at least one other civilian adult are included.
Income	
Source	Interview
Reference period	Calendar year 2004
Unit of collection	Individual
Unit of time	either weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly or other unit ; recalculated to annual by data provider
Restrictions	All earnings and income items were subject to topcoding
Gross/net	Income data are given gross of taxes and contributions. Taxes items are based on imputations.