

Original survey information, the United States of America 1974

Generic information	
Name of survey	Current Population Survey (CPS) - March Supplement
Institution responsible	United States Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov
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.
Structure of data source	Rotating panel data
Frequency	Monthly (basic CPS), Annual (March Supplement)
Survey year / Wave	1975
Coverage	Civilian non-institutional population in the United States. CPS coverage varies with age, sex, and race. Generally, coverage is larger for females than for males and larger for non-Blacks than for Blacks.
Sampling	
Sampling procedure	Multistage probability sample for CPS, plus an additional sample for ASEC to provide more reliable data on Hispanic households. Decennial census constitutes the sampling frame.
Sample size	The final survey consists of 46,954 households, of which 11,475 households are kept in the LIS sample.
Collection	
Collection period	Interviews were carried out in March 1975.
Collection mode	Face-to-face interview and computer assisted telephone interview.
Description of instruments	The Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement contains the basic monthly demographic and labor force data collected through monthly interviews, plus additional data on work experience, income, noncash benefits, and migration, collected yearly through a special ASEC questionnaire.
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	The "head of household" is usually the person regarded as the head by members of the household. Women are not classified as heads if their husbands are resident members of the household at the time of survey.
Data quality aspects	
Non-response error	Between 4,5 to 5 % of households were not interviewed because they could not be located or because they refused to participate.
Item non-response / imputation	Missing data are assigned values based on hot-deck imputation.
Weighting	Weights adjust for non-interview and correct for sampling bias in age, race, sex, Hispanic origin, and state of residence. The ASEC file includes a further adjustment so husband and wife of a household receive the same weight. Weight inflates to the total population.
Labour market information	
Eligibility	Individuals aged 15 and older
Employment	(1) In the monthly CPS interview: the employed comprise persons who at present (survey week) have any paid work or at least 15 hours of unpaid family work, as well as being temporarily absent from work during the survey week. (2) In the annual ASEC interview: the employed comprise persons who have worked at least one hour during 1979 (ILO employed).
Income	
Reference period	Calendar year 1979
Unit of time	Either weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly or other unit; recalculated to annual by data provider.
Unit of collection	Mostly individual; the value of non-cash incomes such as foodstamps, school lunches, energy assistance, medicare and Medicaid are calculated at the household level.
Taxes and contributions	Income data are given gross of taxes and contributions. Tax items are based on imputations.
Restrictions	All earnings and income items were subject to topcoding.
Additional remarks	
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Source : Data provider, see various documents at <http://www.census.gov/cps/>.