

# The Census Bureau's Plans for Poverty Measurement Research: Attachment B

## ATTACHMENT B: P60-RD Report on Poverty Measurement : Preliminary Outline

### I. Summary

### II. Introduction

- \. Background on National Academy of Sciences Report
- }. Plan of this report

III. Variations on a theme examining only one change at a time, all else the same as the official measure for a given year - 1991

- \. Experimental thresholds with official resources
  - 1. Cost of basic bundle
  - 2. Equivalence scales
  - }. Multipliers
    - f. Geographic adjustments
  - }. Experimental resources using Current Population Survey with official thresholds
    - 1. Work expenses
    - 2. Childcare expenses
    - }. Taxes
      - f. Housing subsidy valuation
    - }. Other in-kind non-medical benefits
    - }. Medical expenses
    - }. Elements in both resources and thresholds, all else as in official measure
      - 1. Owner-occupied housing
      - 2. Cohabiting couples
      - }. In-kind medical benefits

IV. Some(perhaps three) "Combination Measures" (yet to be determined)

- \. For each Combination measure
  - 1. CPS and SIPP for 1991
  - 2. Time series estimates, CPS 1991-1997
  - }. Standardized to official rates for 1991 and 1997

V. Other issues

- \. Updating over time
- }. Medical care risk index
- }. Data needs: **SIPP, CPS, CEX**
- }. Poverty measurement in the decennial census and American Community Survey

VI. Future Research