

Current Coverage CPS ASEC Health Insurance Data - User Note

In the 2014 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC), the Census Bureau implemented redesigned health insurance questions in the CPS ASEC. The redesigned questionnaire asks a new question on current coverage to improve responses to questions about health insurance coverage in the previous calendar year.

Estimates of current coverage are disseminated in collaboration with the National Center for Health Statistics. These data are also available through a public use extract file, which includes a variable that indicates whether the individual had health insurance coverage at the time of the interview, and can be merged onto the public use CPS ASEC datasets.

For more information on the redesigned CPS ASEC, please see:

www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/data/incpovhlth/2013/redesign.html.

There are two extract files for the 2014 CPS ASEC. One file, "asec14_now_anycov," was released in September 2014. It is based on the portion of the CPS ASEC sample which received the traditional income questions, approximately 68,000 addresses.

The other file, "ASEC14_NOW_ANYCOV_redes," was released in early 2015. It is based on the portion of the CPS ASEC sample which received the redesigned income questions, approximately 30,000 addresses.

There is one extract file for the 2015 CPS ASEC, which was released in September 2015, and is based on the full sample of approximately 98,000 addresses.