Application to use the SIPP Synthetic BETA File

The Census Bureau has placed the SIPP Synthetic BETA File on a restricted remote access site

requiring a password for data access and downloads. Researchers interested in using these data should complete this application form and submit it to the Census Bureau. As part of this application, researchers must include a Feasibility statement. File access will be approved or denied based only on the feasibility of the proposal, which is determined by evaluating whether the data necessary to conduct the analysis are included on the BETA File.

Once the application is approved, Census staff will notify the researcher, via email, of the approval and provide account credentials to access the BETA File via SecureFTP. When the researcher is ready to download the BETA File, please email [sehsd.synthetic.data.use.list@census.gov](mailto:sehsd.synthetic.data.use.list@census.gov) to let Census staff know when the download will occur so a 72-hour link to download the data can be sent to the researcher. The researcher will then be able to download the BETA datafiles, SSB version 7.0. There are four datafiles to download, each about 3-4 Gigabytes in size, which are in the file type selected on the application. Once the file has been downloaded, the researcher is expected to perform data analysis on the Synthetic BETA File using any or all of the file variables on the researcher’s own computing environment. Researchers are expected to share results from their analyses with the Census Bureau, the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (ORES) within the Social Security Administration (SSA), and the Statistics of Income (SOI) program within the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Users of the SIPP Synthetic BETA File who have an approved application may request that the analyses be repeated on the Completed Gold Standard File. This activity will be undertaken by Census Bureau employees authorized to use these confidential data. This service is available only to users who have an approved application and received access to the Synthetic BETA File. Once an analysis has been repeated on the Completed Gold Standard File, the Gold Standard result summaries will be reviewed by the Census Disclosure Review Board (DRB). Data products and output approved by the DRB will be released to the users, ORES/SSA, and SOI/IRS.

Please submit this application to [sehsd.synthetic.data.use.list@census.gov](mailto:sehsd.synthetic.data.use.list@census.gov).

Applicant Name

Applicant Affiliation

Applicant Address

Applicant Email

Applicant Phone

List the name(s) and email address(es) for all other researchers that will have access to the SIPP Synthetic BETA file as part of this project. Please include additional entry spaces as needed.

Name Email address

Project Summary

Feasibility Statement: Please list the variables required by the project. Project approval

depends only on the availability of the required data. For a list of variables on the Synthetic

Beta File, please see the online SSB codebook at [SIPP Synthetic Beta v7](https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/programs-surveys/sipp/methodology/GSF%20v7%20Codebook.pdf)

Dataset Format: Please select the preferred programming language for the Synthetic BETA File

SAS

STATA

Both SAS and STATA

Authorized users of the SIPP Synthetic BETA File must agree to follow responsible data practices and privacy principles, also known as Data Stewardship, as outlined by the Census Bureau. Data Stewardship at the Census Bureau involves a commitment to data confidentiality, data security, transparency, and accountability. Authorized users of the SIPP Synthetic BETA therefore commit to **not** distribute, disclose, or replicate any information contained in the SIPP Synthetic BETA – including the BETA file itself – with unauthorized users. Authorized users of the SIPP Synthetic BETA additionally commit to maintaining the integrity of the SIPP BETA File, meaning they will **not** tamper with or otherwise compromise the integrity of the data contained in the SIPP BETA File.

Further information on Data Stewardship practices at the Census Bureau can be found on [the Census Bureau website](https://www.census.gov/about/policies/privacy/data_stewardship.html).

By checking this box, I, along with any and all additional researchers listed on page 2 of this application, agree that I/we have read and agree to abide by the Data Stewardship practices as outlined by the Census Bureau.

--------------------------the below is to be completed by a Census Bureau staff-----------------------

Census Response: Approval/Denial

Approved

Denied

Approval/Denial Date:

Reviewer:

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Comments: