

## On the Quality of Reinterview Data with Applications to the Current Population Survey Questions

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The reconciled reinterview was an essential component of the quality assurance program for the U.S. Current Population Survey. The reconciled reinterview essentially combines a test-retest reinterview with a reconciliation process aimed at identifying discrepancies between the test-retest responses and resolving them with the respondent in order to produce more accurate responses. Data from the reconciled reinterviews were used to produce measures of the bias in the labor force statistics published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This paper showed that the reinterview data were severely biased and should not be used in producing quality indicators. After publication of this article, the Bureau of the Census (which conducts the CPS) discontinued use of reconciled reinterview surveys for all evaluations of survey data quality.



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