

## ERRATA

### Consumer Expenditure Public-Use Microdata

January 28, 2010

To users of the **2001** through **2007** Consumer Expenditure Public Use Microdata Files:

An error was found in the release of the public-use Interview Expenditure (EXPN) files, affecting data from 2001 through 2007. Addendum files will be sent upon request to all users who have received the original release of these years of data. Note that the corresponding UCCs and expenditure amounts in the MTAB files **were not** affected by this error.

To request the “FRB/UTP missing records” addendum files in SAS, STATA, SPSS, ASCII – comma delimited, or ASCII – column parametered, please contact the Consumer Expenditure Survey and **be sure to specify which year is and what file type is needed:**

Phone – (202) 691- 6900

Email – [cexinfo@bls.gov](mailto:cexinfo@bls.gov)

All orders placed after January 28, 2010 will receive the data CD with addendum files contained within. The corrected CD-ROMs will have label indicating the most recent version number for the CD to distinguish them from previously released CDs.

#### Description of the error

##### FRB file:

**The following Interview EXPN Files were affected:**

FRB01  
FRB02  
FRB03  
FRB04  
FRB05  
FRB06  
FRB07

**Variables affected:** Every variable in each of the files

Due to an error in processing, select records are missing from these files. Records where the CU indicated that they did not rent or lease furniture (FURNRNTL = 2), but indicated that they did have expenses for repairing, refinishing, or reupholstering furniture (REPFURN = 1), are missing from the file. Note: The corresponding UCCs (340904 and 340630) and expenditure amounts in the MTAB files **were not** affected by this error.

YEAR	Records Missing from original	Corrected File record count
2001	263	471
2002	309	479
2003	311	485
2004	302	475
2005	286	409
2006	220	358
2007	201	338

Addendum files provided:

The entire FRB files will be provided, intended to replace the respective FRB file that was published on the original CDs.

**UTP file:**

**The following Interview EXPN Files were affected:**

UTP07

**Variables affected:** Every variable in each of the files

Due to an error in processing, select records are missing from these files. Records where the CU indicated that they had an expense for pre-paid cellular minutes (PRPYCELL = '1'), but they did not have an expense for pay phones (PYPHONE = '2') or pre-paid phone cards (FONCARD = '2') are missing from the file. The corresponding UCCs (270101, 270102, and 270104) and expenditure amounts in the MTAB files **were not** affected by this error.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Records Missing from original</b>	<b>Corrected File record count</b>
2007	722	3543

Addendum files provided:

The entire UTP file will be provided, intended to replace the UPT07 file that was published on the original CD.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email.