

ERRATA – Consumer Expenditure Public-Use Microdata

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To users of the **2010** Consumer Expenditure Public Use Microdata v2 Interview files released on November 29, 2011:

There has been a miscoded value for one of the variables in the 2010 Interview data files. The error affects the QYEAR variable. *Please note: this error does not affect the expenditure or income estimates.*

1. Error in EXPN Files

The value for QYEAR in each of the EXPN files identifies the year and quarter that the Interview took place (collection quarter). See page 10 of the 2010 Interview User's Documentation for a list of the EXPN files. The codes and descriptions *should* be as follows:

Year and Quarter of the interview, for use in matching to the other files

CODED

20101	2010, 1st quarter
20102	2010, 2nd quarter
20103	2010, 3rd quarter
20104	2010, 4th quarter
20111	2011, 1st quarter

However, on the release of the CD, the code for 2011, 1st quarter is 20115 instead of 20111. Please make note of this when using the QYEAR variable.

For 2010 the values for QYEAR are:

Year and Quarter of the interview, for use in matching to the other files

CODED

20101	2010, 1st quarter
20102	2010, 2nd quarter
20103	2010, 3rd quarter
20104	2010, 4th quarter
20115	2011, 1st quarter

The current version of the CD will keep a notice of this erratum, but no values will be changed.

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

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