



A New Approach to Industry and Occupation Recoding in the CPS

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This paper presents a new approach to recoding industry and occupation in the Current Population Survey (CPS) from 1976 to 2019. This recode uses the three- and four-digit Census codes present in the CPS to create consistent aggregate categories that closely align with the detailed and major industry and occupation categories used in the 2019 CPS. This approach yields more consistent aggregate categories than previous recoding schemes. This approach can also successfully be applied to recoding industry and occupation in all panels of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP).

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