

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: How Americans Spend Time on Food-Related Activities: A Time-Use Analysis using the 2004-16 American Time Use Survey

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report uses data from the 2004-16 American Time Use Survey to present an overview of food-related time-use patterns both for the U.S. population aged 15 years and older and for U.S. subgroups that are defined according to educational attainment, household type (single versus married or cohabiting), and other demographic factors. Separate data (2014-16 data from the Eating and Health Module) are analyzed to provide time-use estimates for subgroups defined by SNAP participation, BMI, and food hardship. On an average day in 2014-16, Americans spent 64.1 minutes on eating and drinking as a “primary,” or main, activity, down 4.3 percent from 67.0 minutes in 2004-06. On an average day in 2014-16—counting only those who performed the activity—Americans spent 51.2 minutes on food preparation, 34.1 minutes on food-related cleanup, and 45.7 minutes on grocery shopping. Analyzing the time that Americans spend in food-related activities may provide some insight into why nutrition and health outcomes vary across different segments of the population.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 8/21/2018 Completed: XX/XX/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/18

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No