

Online Appendix Table 1  
 Calculating SPM Resources in the CPS and the CE Survey, 1980-2010

	Availability in the CPS	Availability in the CE Survey
SPM Resources		
Official Money Income	All years	All years
Plus		
SNAP (food stamps)	All years	All years
National School Lunch Program	Receipt available all years, values imputed	Not available
WIC	Receipt available 2000-2010, values imputed	Not available
Housing subsidies	Receipt available all years, values imputed using family size	Receipt available all years, values imputed using characteristics of the housing unit
Low-income Home Energy Assistance	Yes	Not available
Tax credits	Imputed values available in all years	Calculated using TAXSIM
Minus		
Tax liabilities	Imputed values available in all years	Calculated using TAXSIM
Work expenses	Imputed based on weeks worked	Imputed based on weeks worked
Child care expenses	Starting in 2009	All years
Medical out-of-pocket expenses	Starting in 2009	All years
Child support paid	Starting in 2009	Starting in 1986

Notes: Years listed above are for the reference year as opposed to the survey year. For housing subsidies in the CPS we use the imputed value of the subsidy available on the public use tapes. This value differs from the imputed housing subsidies used by the Census to calculate the SPM. The means for the poor for these new Census estimates for housing subsidies for calendar year 2009, which are available in Short (2011b), compared to estimates based on the public use values suggest that the former estimates are more than 60 percent higher. Questions on child care and MOOP expenses and child support paid were added to the CPS questionnaire in survey year 2010 for 2009, but these variables are not available on the public use files until survey year 2011.

Online Appendix Table 2  
Mean Characteristics of the Official and SPM Poor by Poverty Status, CE Survey, 2004-2010

	Both SPM Poor and Official Poor (1)	SPM Poor Only (2)	Official Poor Only (3)	Neither SPM nor Official Poor (4)	+ Favors SPM
Consumption	\$ 28,232	\$ 39,266	\$ 26,339	\$ 54,763	-
Any health insurance	62%	69%	65%	78%	-
Private health insurance	32%	56%	26%	72%	-
Homeowner	38%	58%	37%	77%	-
Single family home	29%	48%	25%	66%	-
Own a car	70%	88%	76%	94%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 458	\$ 903	\$ 368	\$ 1,472	-
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 2,331	\$ 4,175	\$ 1,742	\$ 6,795	-
Total service flows	\$ 2,789	\$ 5,078	\$ 2,110	\$ 8,267	-
Family size	3.459	3.068	4.018	3.327	-
# of rooms	6.26	6.96	5.74	7.64	-
# of Bedrooms	3.09	3.32	2.84	3.60	-
# of Bathrooms	1.69	1.88	1.52	2.11	-
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	91%	95%	91%	97%	-
Disposal	31%	41%	31%	54%	-
Dishwasher	39%	54%	36%	73%	-
Any Air Conditioning	72%	79%	74%	82%	-
Central Air Conditioning	46%	55%	46%	66%	-
Washer	67%	80%	70%	90%	-
Dryer	60%	76%	62%	88%	-
Television	97%	98%	97%	99%	-
Computer	54%	63%	53%	83%	-
Head is a College Graduate	9%	16%	6%	32%	-
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 318	\$ 2,547	\$ 240	\$ 18,698	-
90th Percentile	\$ 2,532	\$ 19,824	\$ 1,198	\$ 115,844	-
Share of people	12%	3%	3%	82%	
Unweighted Number of Families	27,541	6,049	5,505	164,376	

Notes: Official income poverty is anchored at the SPM poverty rate for this sample in each year. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. The sample includes all families in the CE Survey. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 3

Mean Characteristics of the Official and Consumption Poor by Poverty Status, CE Survey, 2004-2010

	Both Consumption Poor and Official Poor	Consumption Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither Consumption nor Official Poor	+ Favors Consumption
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 17,202	\$ 19,334	\$ 38,526	\$ 57,680	+
Any health insurance	58%	55%	67%	80%	+
Private health insurance	22%	37%	39%	75%	+
Homeowner	26%	45%	50%	79%	+
Single family home	17%	34%	38%	69%	+
Own a car	63%	81%	80%	95%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 199	\$ 383	\$ 684	\$ 1,558	+
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 713	\$ 1,346	\$ 3,726	\$ 7,235	+
Total service flows	\$ 911	\$ 1,729	\$ 4,410	\$ 8,794	+
Family size	4.069	4.321	3.058	3.220	+
# of rooms	5.18	5.20	7.11	7.85	+
# of Bedrooms	2.64	2.59	3.43	3.68	+
# of Bathrooms	1.36	1.34	1.95	2.18	+
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	89%	91%	94%	98%	+
Disposal	24%	28%	39%	56%	+
Dishwasher	27%	37%	50%	76%	+
Any Air Conditioning	69%	72%	76%	83%	+
Central Air Conditioning	40%	45%	52%	67%	+
Washer	62%	74%	74%	91%	+
Dryer	51%	66%	70%	90%	+
Television	95%	95%	98%	99%	+
Computer	46%	58%	62%	85%	+
Head is a College Graduate	4%	9%	13%	34%	+
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 58	\$ 810	\$ 956	\$ 21,984	+
90th Percentile	\$ 737	\$ 3,650	\$ 5,300	\$ 130,147	+
Share of people	8%	8%	8%	77%	
Unweighted Number of Families	14,163	11,521	18,883	158,904	

Notes: Both measures are anchored at the SPM poverty rate for this sample in each year. Consumption poverty is calculated using the 3-parameter equivalence scale. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. The sample includes all families in the CE Survey. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 4

Difference in Mean Characteristics between those Added and those Subtracted from Poverty by the SPM as Compared to Official Poverty, CPS and CE Survey, 2010

	(Added to Poverty) - (Subtracted from Poverty)		(Added to Poverty) - (Subtracted from Poverty)	
	CPS (1)	+ Favors SPM (2)	CE Survey (3)	+ Favors SPM (4)
Any health insurance	0.00	+	0.03	-
Private health insurance	0.36	-	0.34	-
Head Employed	0.01		-0.05	
Number of Earners	0.33		0.27	
Homeowner	0.27	-	0.19	-
Family size	-0.62	-	-1.06	-
# of children	-1.40	-	-1.65	-
Education of Head				
Some College	0.01	-	0.04	-
College Graduate	0.10	-	0.07	-
Race of Head				
White	0.11		0.05	
Black	-0.11		-0.07	
Hispanic Origin of Head	-0.10		-0.18	
Family Type				
Single Parent Families	-0.31	-	-0.16	-
Married Parent Families	-0.09		-0.33	
Single Individuals	0.02		0.09	
Married without Children	0.16		0.17	
Head 65 and Over	0.22		0.22	
Share of people	0.08		0.07	
Unweighted Number of Families	16,983		1,808	

Notes: The numbers in column 3 are the difference between column 2 and column 3 from Table 2. The numbers in column 1 are comparable differences based on CPS data. All characteristics are for the family but are weighted by family size. SPM estimates are based on thresholds that are not adjusted for geographic variation.

Online Appendix Table 5a  
Mean Characteristics of the Official and SPM Poor by Poverty Status, Children 0-17, CE Survey, 2010

	Both SPM Poor and Official Poor	SPM Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither SPM nor Official Poor	+ Favors SPM
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 23,740	\$ 33,272	\$ 24,743	\$ 46,328	-
Any health insurance	63%	67%	67%	77%	-
Private health insurance	22%	54%	20%	69%	-
Homeowner	30%	46%	33%	74%	-
Single family home	23%	39%	23%	67%	-
Own a car	73%	95%	83%	95%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 300	\$ 755	\$ 317	\$ 1,147	-
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 1,244	\$ 2,379	\$ 1,228	\$ 5,395	-
Total service flows	\$ 1,544	\$ 3,134	\$ 1,545	\$ 6,542	-
Family size	4.875	4.955	4.914	4.587	+
# of rooms	5.07	5.36	5.05	6.37	-
# of Bedrooms	2.60	2.61	2.62	3.13	+
# of Bathrooms	1.29	1.51	1.31	1.82	-
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	92%	95%	93%	97%	-
Disposal	30%	42%	35%	61%	-
Dishwasher	38%	58%	45%	79%	-
Any Air Conditioning	76%	87%	79%	85%	-
Central Air Conditioning	49%	65%	54%	71%	-
Washer	74%	84%	74%	92%	-
Dryer	65%	78%	66%	90%	-
Television	97%	97%	95%	98%	-
Computer	64%	77%	65%	92%	-
Head is a College Graduate	7%	12%	7%	35%	-
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 100	\$ 5,000	\$ 200	\$ 9,350	-
90th Percentile	\$ 600	\$ 8,560	\$ 1,400	\$ 46,073	-
Share of people	17%	2%	6%	75%	
N	4,085	1,000	808	22,322	

Notes: Official income poverty is anchored at the SPM poverty rate for all ages, 16.5%. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 5b  
Mean Characteristics of the Official and SPM Poor by Poverty Status, Adults 18-64, CE Survey, 2010

	Both SPM Poor and Official Poor	SPM Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither SPM nor Official Poor	+ Favors SPM
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 27,451	\$ 34,937	\$ 26,398	\$ 52,780	-
Any health insurance	54%	57%	59%	75%	+
Private health insurance	29%	47%	20%	70%	-
Homeowner	36%	47%	37%	74%	-
Single family home	26%	41%	24%	64%	-
Own a car	71%	88%	75%	94%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 437	\$ 756	\$ 338	\$ 1,420	-
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 1,942	\$ 3,029	\$ 1,710	\$ 6,311	-
Total service flows	\$ 2,378	\$ 3,785	\$ 2,048	\$ 7,731	-
Family size	3.183	3.307	3.892	3.204	-
# of rooms	6.37	6.31	5.76	7.62	-
# of Bedrooms	3.16	3.10	2.81	3.60	-
# of Bathrooms	1.76	1.76	1.56	2.16	-
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	91%	94%	93%	97%	-
Disposal	33%	43%	32%	56%	-
Dishwasher	41%	54%	42%	75%	-
Any Air Conditioning	72%	82%	77%	83%	-
Central Air Conditioning	45%	55%	50%	66%	-
Washer	66%	78%	67%	89%	-
Dryer	61%	75%	59%	87%	-
Television	95%	97%	94%	98%	-
Computer	66%	73%	64%	90%	-
Head is a College Graduate	10%	12%	8%	35%	-
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 450	\$ 2,000	\$ 207	\$ 14,000	-
90th Percentile	\$ 3,000	\$ 10,200	\$ 1,400	\$ 85,000	-
Share of people	12%	3%	2%	82%	
N	4,085	1,000	808	22,322	

Notes: Official income poverty is anchored at the SPM poverty rate for all ages, 16.5%. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 5c

Mean Characteristics of the Official and SPM Poor by Poverty Status, Adults 65 and Over, CE Survey, 2010

	Both SPM Poor and Official Poor	SPM Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither SPM nor Official Poor	+ Favors SPM
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 35,526	\$ 44,452	\$ 30,130	\$ 56,055	-
Any health insurance	93%	97%	96%	96%	-
Private health insurance	45%	73%	30%	75%	-
Homeowner	68%	78%	49%	87%	-
Single family home	54%	63%	34%	72%	-
Own a car	69%	89%	51%	91%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 630	\$ 1,134	\$ 382	\$ 1,474	-
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 5,429	\$ 6,592	\$ 3,887	\$ 8,500	-
Total service flows	\$ 6,058	\$ 7,726	\$ 4,269	\$ 9,975	-
Family size	1.959	1.916	1.702	2.122	+
# of rooms	8.52	9.38	8.58	9.57	-
# of Bedrooms	4.04	4.25	3.53	4.40	-
# of Bathrooms	2.36	2.67	2.27	2.71	-
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	93%	98%	94%	97%	-
Disposal	39%	47%	26%	51%	-
Dishwasher	44%	63%	21%	70%	-
Any Air Conditioning	72%	80%	57%	83%	-
Central Air Conditioning	47%	60%	35%	68%	-
Washer	78%	93%	60%	92%	-
Dryer	70%	89%	45%	90%	-
Television	98%	98%	97%	99%	-
Computer	43%	56%	30%	71%	-
Head is a College Graduate	11%	22%	5%	27%	-
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 1,850	\$ 21,300	\$ 126	\$ 85,002	-
90th Percentile	\$ 12,100	\$ 581,104	\$ 1,000	\$ 437,000	-
Share of people	11%	6%	1%	81%	
N	4,085	1,000	808	22,322	

Notes: Official income poverty is anchored at the SPM poverty rate for all ages, 16.5%. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 6a

Mean Characteristics of the Official and Consumption Poor by Poverty Status, Children 0-17, CE Survey, 2010

	Both Consumption Poor and Official Poor	Consumption Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither Consumption nor Official Poor	+ Favors Consumption
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 17,596	\$ 19,240	\$ 32,896	\$ 49,754	+
Any health insurance	62%	57%	67%	79%	+
Private health insurance	16%	38%	28%	73%	-
Homeowner	23%	46%	41%	78%	-
Single family home	15%	38%	34%	70%	-
Own a car	70%	88%	83%	97%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 194	\$ 344	\$ 458	\$ 1,248	+
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 559	\$ 1,303	\$ 2,180	\$ 5,883	+
Total service flows	\$ 753	\$ 1,647	\$ 2,638	\$ 7,132	+
Family size	5.250	5.752	4.383	4.435	+
# of rooms	4.62	4.66	5.68	6.58	+
# of Bedrooms	2.41	2.40	2.88	3.21	+
# of Bathrooms	1.15	1.23	1.50	1.90	+
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	90%	91%	96%	98%	+
Disposal	26%	38%	39%	64%	+
Dishwasher	32%	42%	51%	84%	+
Any Air Conditioning	75%	75%	80%	86%	+
Central Air Conditioning	46%	52%	56%	73%	+
Washer	71%	81%	79%	94%	-
Dryer	58%	71%	76%	92%	+
Television	96%	92%	97%	99%	+
Computer	56%	69%	75%	95%	+
Head is a College Graduate	4%	10%	11%	38%	+
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 25	\$ 1,200	\$ 300	\$ 10,750	-
90th Percentile	\$ 400	\$ 3,450	\$ 1,600	\$ 55,000	-
Share of people	13%	9%	10%	68%	
N	2,072	1,632	2,821	21,690	

Notes: Both measures are anchored at the SPM poverty rate for all ages, 16.5 %. Consumption poverty is calculated using the 3-parameter equivalence scale. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.



Online Appendix Table 6b

Mean Characteristics of the Official and Consumption Poor by Poverty Status, Adults 18-64, CE Survey, 2010

	Both Consumption Poor and Official Poor	Consumption Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither Consumption nor Official Poor	+ Favors Consumption
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 16,573	\$ 18,899	\$ 37,733	\$ 55,550	+
Any health insurance	54%	49%	56%	77%	+
Private health insurance	21%	33%	33%	73%	-
Homeowner	26%	43%	46%	76%	+
Single family home	16%	34%	35%	66%	+
Own a car	63%	81%	80%	95%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 194	\$ 364	\$ 641	\$ 1,502	+
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 647	\$ 1,332	\$ 3,130	\$ 6,690	+
Total service flows	\$ 842	\$ 1,696	\$ 3,770	\$ 8,192	+
Family size	3.846	4.495	2.771	3.074	+
# of rooms	5.25	5.05	7.20	7.83	+
# of Bedrooms	2.70	2.57	3.47	3.69	+
# of Bathrooms	1.39	1.35	2.03	2.22	+
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	89%	92%	94%	98%	+
Disposal	25%	35%	39%	58%	+
Dishwasher	31%	40%	50%	78%	+
Any Air Conditioning	69%	72%	77%	84%	+
Central Air Conditioning	41%	46%	52%	68%	+
Washer	61%	74%	72%	90%	-
Dryer	52%	66%	69%	89%	+
Television	94%	94%	97%	99%	+
Computer	59%	67%	72%	92%	+
Head is a College Graduate	4%	11%	14%	36%	+
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 120	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,648	+
90th Percentile	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,600	\$ 6,000	\$ 93,000	+
Share of people	7%	8%	7%	77%	
N	2,072	1,632	2,821	21,690	

Notes: Both measures are anchored at the SPM poverty rate for all ages, 16.5 %. Consumption poverty is calculated using the 3-parameter equivalence scale. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 6c

Mean Characteristics of the Official and Consumption Poor by Poverty Status, Adults 65 and Over, CE Survey, 2010

	Both Consumption Poor and Official Poor	Consumption Poor Only	Official Poor Only	Neither Consumption nor Official Poor	+ Favors Consumption
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 18,038	\$ 18,458	\$ 42,574	\$ 57,987	+
Any health insurance	88%	88%	95%	97%	+
Private health insurance	26%	44%	51%	77%	+
Homeowner	45%	56%	76%	88%	+
Single family home	33%	41%	60%	74%	+
Own a car	53%	75%	73%	92%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 185	\$ 405	\$ 791	\$ 1,529	+
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 1,548	\$ 1,791	\$ 6,938	\$ 8,858	+
Total service flows	\$ 1,733	\$ 2,195	\$ 7,729	\$ 10,386	+
Family size	2.423	2.798	1.708	2.054	+
# of rooms	6.64	6.59	9.38	9.78	+
# of Bedrooms	3.24	3.18	4.33	4.48	+
# of Bathrooms	1.72	1.77	2.64	2.78	+
Appliances and Amenities					
Microwave	90%	94%	94%	98%	+
Disposal	28%	30%	42%	52%	+
Dishwasher	26%	33%	49%	73%	+
Any Air Conditioning	66%	76%	72%	84%	-
Central Air Conditioning	33%	54%	52%	68%	-
Washer	65%	80%	80%	93%	+
Dryer	52%	70%	74%	91%	+
Television	95%	96%	99%	99%	+
Computer	29%	45%	47%	72%	+
Head is a College Graduate	5%	7%	13%	28%	+
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 50	\$ 800	\$ 2,000	\$ 94,000	+
90th Percentile	\$ 900	\$ 4,000	\$ 14,501	\$ 517,500	+
Share of people	4%	6%	9%	81%	
N	2,072	1,632	2,821	21,690	

Notes: Both measures are anchored at the SPM poverty rate for all ages, 16.5 %. Consumption poverty is calculated using the 3-parameter equivalence scale. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 7  
 Poverty Rates from the CE Survey and the CPS, 2010

Poverty Measure	Official Reports	Our Estimate from CPS	Our Estimate from CE	CE - Official	CE - CPS
Official Poverty	15.2%	15.2%	14.4%	-0.008	-0.009
Pre-tax Money income, SPM Thresholds		15.5%	15.8%		0.003
After-tax Money income, SPM Thresholds		12.9%	13.2%		0.003
After-tax Money income plus Food Stamps, SPM Thresholds		11.8%	12.3%		0.004
SPM income (MOOP not subtracted), SPM Thresholds	12.7%	12.7%	13.8%	0.011	0.011
SPM poverty	16.0%	16.0%	16.5%	0.005	0.004
SPM poverty, children	18.2%		18.5%	0.003	
SPM poverty, adults	15.2%		15.5%	0.003	
SPM poverty, elderly	15.9%		17.5%	0.016	
Official poverty, children	22.5%		20.2%	-0.023	
Official poverty, adults	13.7%		12.8%	-0.009	
Official poverty, elderly	9.0%		10.6%	0.016	

Notes: Estimates of SPM poverty using CE Survey data do not include in resources the value of school lunch subsidies, WIC, and low-income energy assistance. The estimates from Official Reports are taken from Short (2011). SPM thresholds are adjusted for geographic price differences for the CPS, but not the CE.

Online Appendix Table 8

Mean Characteristics by Poverty Status, Poverty Measured with the SPM Unit and the Official Unit, CPS, 2010

	Both	Official Income, SPM Unit Poor Only	Official Income, Official Unit Poor Only	Neither	+ Favors Measure in Column 2
	2010	2010	2010	2010	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Head Employed	0.405	0.586	0.460	0.758	
Number of Earners	0.680	0.978	0.496	1.587	
Any health insurance	0.689	0.706	0.660	0.867	-
Private health insurance	0.192	0.274	0.284	0.726	+
Homeowner	0.355	0.420	0.416	0.739	-
Family size	3.392	3.239	1.997	3.152	+
# of children	1.577	1.369	0.991	0.977	+
Education of Head					
Less Than High School	0.334	0.336	0.299	0.094	+
High School Degree	0.345	0.309	0.359	0.275	-
Some College	0.230	0.264	0.256	0.290	-
College Graduate	0.091	0.091	0.086	0.341	-
Race of Head					
White	0.685	0.732	0.788	0.821	
Black	0.238	0.207	0.144	0.107	
Asian	0.039	0.038	0.021	0.048	
Other	0.038	0.023	0.046	0.023	
Hispanic Origin	0.292	0.290	0.219	0.139	
Family Type					
Single Parent Families	0.333	0.252	0.518	0.092	-
Married Parent Families	0.275	0.308	0.016	0.383	
Single Individuals	0.215	0.200	0.436	0.167	
Married without Children	0.070	0.053	0.006	0.205	
Head 65 and Over	0.108	0.187	0.024	0.153	
Unweighted Number of Individuals	27,514	2,796	2,926	171,747	
Share of people	0.138	0.014	0.014	0.834	

Notes: Both poverty rates are anchored at the official poverty rate for this sample in the CPS, 15.2%. The sample includes all persons in the CPS. All estimates are person weighted.

Online Appendix Table 9

Mean Characteristics by Poverty Status, SPM Poverty and SPM Poverty without Geographic Adjustmet of Thresholds, CPS, 2010

	Both	SPM Poor Only	SPM Poor, thresholds not geographically adjusted Only	Neither	+ Favors Measure in Column 2
	2010	2010	2010	2010	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Head Employed	0.417	0.601	0.522	0.758	
Number of Earners	0.739	1.166	0.948	1.576	
Any health insurance	0.684	0.721	0.741	0.868	+
Private health insurance	0.294	0.320	0.302	0.714	-
Homeowner	0.421	0.325	0.476	0.733	+
Family size	3.121	3.661	3.230	3.168	+
# of children	1.212	1.432	1.358	1.027	+
Education of Head					
Less Than High School	0.305	0.317	0.282	0.097	+
High School Degree	0.334	0.321	0.411	0.275	-
Some College	0.242	0.228	0.235	0.290	+
College Graduate	0.119	0.135	0.072	0.339	-
Race of Head					
White	0.721	0.680	0.750	0.818	
Black	0.203	0.189	0.194	0.112	
Asian	0.043	0.087	0.015	0.047	
Other	0.033	0.045	0.041	0.023	
Hispanic Origin	0.269	0.435	0.183	0.139	
Family Type					
Single Parent Families	0.268	0.216	0.238	0.106	-
Married Parent Families	0.234	0.368	0.295	0.386	
Single Individuals	0.252	0.184	0.187	0.164	
Married without Children	0.097	0.097	0.101	0.200	
Head 65 and Over	0.149	0.135	0.179	0.144	
Unweighted Number of Individuals	27,427	3,636	3,509	170,411	
Share of people	0.144	0.017	0.017	0.823	

Notes: Both poverty rates are anchored at the SPM rate for this sample in the CPS, 16.0%. The sample includes all persons in the CPS. All estimates are person weighted.

Online Appendix Table 10  
Mean Characteristics of the Official, SPM, and Consumption Deep Poor, CE Survey, 2010

	Official Income		Consumption
	Deep Poor	SPM Deep Poor	Deep Poor
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Consumption	\$ 26,187	\$ 30,908	\$ 12,982
Head Employed	42%	41%	57%
Number of Earners	72%	72%	148%
Any health insurance	63%	65%	52%
Private health insurance	27%	36%	21%
Homeowner	29%	41%	29%
Single family home	21%	32%	19%
Own a car	63%	70%	64%
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 374	\$ 562	\$ 149
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 1,773	\$ 2,867	\$ 573
Total service flows	\$ 2,148	\$ 3,429	\$ 722
Family size	3.57	3.12	4.70
# of children	1.76	1.24	1.96
# over 64	0.13	0.27	0.18
# of rooms	6.22	6.85	4.90
# of Bedrooms	3.12	3.38	2.53
# of Bathrooms	1.64	1.87	1.22
Appliances			
Microwave	92%	92%	84%
Disposal	34%	39%	24%
Dishwasher	40%	47%	27%
Any Air Conditioning	70%	72%	64%
Central Air Conditioning	44%	47%	38%
Washer	69%	73%	65%
Dryer	62%	67%	50%
Television	95%	95%	88%
Computer	62%	66%	51%
Education of Head			
Less Than High School	31%	26%	47%
High School Degree	32%	29%	32%
Some College	27%	31%	16%
College Graduate	10%	14%	5%
Race of Head			
White	67%	74%	72%
Black	27%	21%	21%
Asian	3%	4%	5%
Other	3%	2%	3%
Hispanic Origin	22%	19%	33%
Family Type			
Single Parent Families	38%	28%	29%
Married Parent Families	24%	20%	36%
Single Individuals	24%	27%	19%
Married without Children	6%	10%	6%
Head 65 and Over	8%	15%	10%
Total Financial Assets			
75th Percentile	\$ 160	\$ 700	\$ 210
90th Percentile	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,600
N	1,728	1,881	1,285

Notes: All estimates are person weighted. The official income and consumption poverty measures are anchored to the SPM poverty rate for this sample, or 5.4%. Consumption poverty is calculated using the 3-parameter equivalence scale. Financial asset statistics come from samples of families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 11  
Mean Characteristics of the Official and SPM Deep Poor by Poverty Status, CE Survey, 2010

	Both SPM Deep Poor and Official Deep Poor	SPM Deep Poor Only	Official Deep Poor Only	Neither SPM nor Official Deep Poor	+ Favors SPM
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 27,578	\$ 41,704	\$ 21,728	\$ 48,405	-
Any health insurance	62%	72%	67%	76%	-
Private health insurance	29%	58%	18%	65%	-
Homeowner	32%	69%	19%	71%	-
Single family home	24%	55%	11%	61%	-
Own a car	65%	85%	57%	92%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 447	\$ 932	\$ 140	\$ 1,237	-
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 2,146	\$ 5,207	\$ 580	\$ 5,796	-
Total service flows	\$ 2,593	\$ 6,139	\$ 720	\$ 7,034	-
Family size	3.268	2.625	4.539	3.439	-
# of rooms	6.46	8.04	5.46	7.36	-
# of Bedrooms	3.23	3.84	2.79	3.51	-
# of Bathrooms	1.74	2.26	1.32	2.08	-
Appliances					
Microwave	91%	95%	94%	97%	-
Disposal	36%	48%	30%	53%	-
Dishwasher	40%	68%	39%	71%	-
Any Air Conditioning	68%	83%	78%	82%	-
Central Air Conditioning	43%	61%	47%	65%	-
Washer	69%	85%	71%	87%	-
Dryer	63%	80%	57%	85%	-
Television	95%	97%	95%	98%	-
Computer	64%	72%	53%	85%	-
Head is a College Graduate	12%	20%	2%	30%	-
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 400	\$ 4,000	\$ 1	\$ 10,000	-
90th Percentile	\$ 3,700	\$ 42,045	\$ 100	\$ 73,700	-
Share of people	4%	1.3%	1.3%	93%	
N	1,426	455	302	26,032	

Notes: Official income poverty is anchored at the SPM poverty rate for this sample, 5.4%. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. The sample includes all families in the CE Survey. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from samples of families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.

Online Appendix Table 12

## Mean Characteristics of the Official and Consumption Deep Poor by Poverty Status, CE Survey, 2010

	Both Consumption Deep Poor and Official Deep Poor	Consumption Deep Poor Only	Official Deep Poor Only	Neither Consumption nor Official Deep Poor	+ Favors Consumption
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Consumption	\$ 11,821	\$ 13,425	\$ 31,661	\$ 49,818	+
Any health insurance	54%	50%	67%	77%	+
Private health insurance	19%	22%	29%	67%	+
Homeowner	18%	33%	33%	72%	+
Single family home	10%	23%	26%	63%	+
Own a car	53%	68%	67%	93%	-
Service flows from vehicles	\$ 94	\$ 170	\$ 481	\$ 1,279	+
Service flows from owned homes	\$ 317	\$ 670	\$ 2,328	\$ 6,009	+
Total service flows	\$ 412	\$ 840	\$ 2,809	\$ 7,288	+
Family size	4.124	4.924	3.359	3.363	+
# of rooms	5.24	4.79	6.54	7.48	+
# of Bedrooms	2.78	2.44	3.23	3.56	+
# of Bathrooms	1.21	1.22	1.78	2.12	+
Appliances					
Microwave	83%	85%	95%	97%	+
Disposal	25%	23%	38%	55%	+
Dishwasher	27%	27%	44%	73%	+
Any Air Conditioning	64%	64%	73%	83%	+
Central Air Conditioning	39%	37%	46%	66%	+
Washer	61%	67%	73%	88%	+
Dryer	48%	50%	67%	86%	+
Television	90%	87%	97%	99%	+
Computer	55%	49%	64%	86%	+
Head is a College Graduate	4%	6%	12%	31%	+
Total Financial Assets					
75th Percentile	\$ 20	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ 10,500	-
90th Percentile	\$ 700	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 80,000	<b>0</b>
Share of people	1%	4%	4%	91%	
N	429	856	1,299	25,631	

Notes: Both measures are anchored at the SPM poverty rate for this sample, 5.4%. Consumption poverty is calculated using the 3-parameter equivalence scale. Official poverty is calculated using the official scale and pre-tax money income. The sample includes all families in the CE Survey. All estimates are person weighted. Financial asset statistics come from samples of families in their fifth CE Survey interview. Rooms and consumption are equivalence-scale adjusted.