Constructing an Inventory of Non-response Bias Studies in Federal Surveys

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Study Background

• *What is the effect of growing survey nonresponse?*

• FCSM team formed to review nonresponse bias studies conducted since 2006

• Team consists of members from NCHS, SAMHSA, NCES, BLS and Census

• Preliminary report delivered at FCSM 2018 Research and Policy Conference
Study Aims

• Analyze characteristics of nonresponse bias studies since 2006, when OMB Standards and Guidelines for Statistical Surveys was released

• Characteristics include:
  – Survey type and Mode
  – Target of NRB analyses
  – NRB Assessment Methods
  – Post-survey adjustments and their effects
Methods

• There is no central repository of nonresponse bias studies
• Collect studies through solicitation from agencies, literature reviews, open call to professional associations
• Winnow collected studies to create a database for analysis
• 165 studies assembled
Caveats

• Assembled studies are not a probability sample.
• Descriptive findings are limited to those studies that could be located in the study period.
• Data assembled are meant to be supplemented by continued collection.