Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA)

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Overview

• What does CIPSEA accomplish?
• Who can use CIPSEA?
• What does CIPSEA look like in practice?
• How successful has CIPSEA been?
Purpose of CIPSEA

• Why we need CIPSEA
  – Protection
  – Efficiency

• History of CIPSEA
  – Challenges despite consensus and work left undone
Who can use CIPSEA?

• Statistical Agencies
• Recognized Statistical Units
• Others
  – Directly acquired data
  – Through agreement with a statistical agency
  o Applies any time an agency ‘acquires’ data for exclusively statistical purposes, not just surveys
CIPSEA in Practice

• Policies
  – Minimize risk of disclosure
  – Severe penalties for willful disclosure

• Procedures
  – Staff training
  – Physical and Information Systems Security (FISMA, off-site inspections, etc.)
  – Disclosure review
How Effective is CIPSEA?

• Disclosure prevention
• Response rates
• Participation from agencies