

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
- 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

