Variance Estimation for the Occupational Requirements Survey

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Abstract

The Occupational Requirements Survey (ORS) is an establishment survey conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the Social Security Administration (SSA). The survey collects information on the vocational preparation and the cognitive and physical requirements of occupations in the U.S. economy, as well as the environmental conditions in which those occupations are performed. Due to a desire to maximize the number of units collected in the survey, the 2016 sample consists of two independent, multi-stage samples, each with its own set of variance strata. The calculation of the estimated variances for means, percentiles, and percentages involves a modified version of the Balanced Repeated Replication (BRR) method called Fay's BRR method. The paper describes the formation of the replicate half-samples based on the assignment of the variance strata, reflecting the sampling variability of the two complex samples. Finally, the paper addresses the easy adaptation of the variance procedure when ORS transitions to the use of a single complex sample.

Key Words: variance estimation, establishment survey, balanced repeated replicates, Fay's BRR, variance strata

1. Introduction

In the summer of 2012, the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) signed an interagency agreement, which has been updated annually, to begin the process of testing the collection of data on occupations. As a result, the Occupational Requirements Survey [1] (ORS) was established as a test survey in late 2012. The goal of ORS is to collect and publish occupational information that will replace the outdated data currently used by SSA. More information on the background of ORS can be found in the next section. All ORS products will be made public for use by non-profits, employment agencies, state or federal agencies, the disability community, and other stakeholders.

The ORS collects close to 70 data elements related to the occupational requirements of a job. The following four groups of information are being collected:

- Physical demand characteristics/factors of occupations (e.g., strength, hearing, or stooping)
- Specific vocational preparation requirements, which include educational requirements, experience, licensing, and certification and post-employment training

- Mental and cognitive demands of work
- Environmental conditions in which the work is completed

The survey plans to publish all estimates that meet the reliability and confidentiality criteria. Somewhere between three and eighteen estimates will be calculated for each of the 70 ORS data elements. Around 920 total estimates could be calculated for a single occupation or occupational group. Estimate types include the percentage of workers in a given category, mean, percentiles (10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 90%), and the mode.

This paper describes the ORS variance estimation processes. Section 2 provides background information on the Occupational Requirements Survey. Section 3 summarizes the ORS sample design. Section 4 summarizes the ORS data elements and types of estimates that are being calculated for each. Section 5 details the process for calculating the variance estimates, including to the creation of half-samples, the adjustment of final quote weights depending on the variance strata assignment, the use of a Hadamard Matrix to form the replicate half-samples, and the formulas for calculating the variance. The paper ends with a conclusion and a summary of how the process transitions when the survey with two complex sample designs becomes a survey with just one complex sample design.

2. Background Information on ORS

In addition to providing Social Security benefits to retirees and survivors, the Social Security Administration (SSA) administers two large disability programs, which provide benefit payments to millions of beneficiaries each year. Determinations for adult disability applicants are based on a five-step process that evaluates the capabilities of workers, the requirements of their past work, and their ability to perform other work in the U.S. economy. In some cases, if an applicant is denied disability benefits, SSA policy requires adjudicators to document the decision by citing examples of jobs the claimant can still perform despite restrictions (such as limited ability to balance, stand, or carry objects) [2].

For over 50 years, the Social Security Administration has turned to the Department of Labor's Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) [3] as its primary source of occupational information to process the disability claims [4]. SSA has incorporated many DOT conventions into their disability regulations. However, the DOT was last updated in its entirety in the late 1970's, although a partial update was completed in 1991. Consequently, the SSA adjudicators who make the disability decisions must continue to refer to an increasingly outdated resource because it remains the most compatible with their statutory mandate and is the best source of data at this time.

When an applicant is denied SSA benefits, SSA must sometimes document the decision by citing examples of jobs that the claimant can still perform, despite their functional limitations. However, since the DOT has not been updated for so long, there are some jobs in the American economy that are not even represented in the DOT, and other jobs, in fact many often-cited jobs, no longer exist in large numbers in the American economy.

SSA has investigated numerous alternative data sources for the DOT, such as adapting the Employment and Training Administration's Occupational Information Network (O*NET) [5], using the BLS Occupational Employment Statistics program (OES) [6], and developing their own survey. SSA was not successful with any of these potential alternative

data sources and turned to the National Compensation Survey [7] program at the Bureau of Labor Statistics

3. ORS Sample Design Summary

The ORS sample design is a 2-stage stratified sample of establishments from the entire nation. The frame was developed from the BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) database [8] with railroads added. Stratification is by industry and ownership, directly, and also implicitly by region. Private industry and State and local government establishments will be included, and industries are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) [9]. Allocation is proportional to establishment employment size. Establishments are selected from each stratum by systematic probability proportional to employment size (PPS) sampling. Jobs (quotes) are then sampled from the selected establishments by PPS. ORS samples will follow a three-year rotation, though this rotation cycle may change, depending on research concerning how often the requirements of work change. For more details on this design, see "Occupational Requirements Survey Sample Design" by Ferguson, et al. [10].

In order to maximize the number of units collected during the first year of production, the ORS sample includes an additional 2,227 establishments from a sample that has recently rotated out of the National Compensation Survey (NCS). This NCS sample, initiated in 2011 and updated through September of 2015, was selected using PPS at three stages: OMB-defined areas, establishments, and then occupations within the selected establishments. The sampling frame was developed from the QCEW at the end of 2010. Stratification for the sampling of establishments was by area and industry (defined by NAICS). Allocation was proportional to establishment employment size. For more details, please see the section on the current design from "Update on the Evaluation of Sample Design Issues in the National Compensation Survey" by Ferguson, et al. [11].

So, the production sample for the first year of ORS consists of two samples selected under two different sample designs.

4. ORS Data Elements and Possible Estimates Summary

ORS is designed to capture occupational information on educational requirements, cognitive and physical demands, and exposures to environmental conditions. An extensive description of ORS data elements and how estimates for each element will be calculated can be found in the paper "Estimation Considerations for the Occupational Requirements Survey" [12]. Information on estimation processing can be found in the paper "Estimation Processes Used in the Occupational Requirements Survey" [13].

Many of the ORS data elements have percentage of workers, mean, percentiles, and mode estimates for each occupational definition. For example, one ORS data element measures the amount of time during a typical day that a worker, such as a nurse, spends stooping. Occupational definitions are derived from the Standard Occupational Classification Manual (SOC) [14]. Physical demands, such as stooping, are captured in hours and are also converted to percent of the day, and so mean and percentile estimates (10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 90%) are calculated for both hours and percent of the day. Also, the hours of time spent stooping fall within an SSA-established category, and so a percentage of workers estimate is calculated for each category. SSA defines five categories by a range of

hours spent performing an activity – not present, seldomly, occasionally, frequently, and constantly. Finally, the mode of the categories is identified, marking the eighteenth estimate related to stooping.

5. Calculation of Variance Estimates

ORS calculates standard errors for all percentages, means, and percentiles using a modified version of the Balanced Repeated Replication (BRR) method, known as the Fay's BRR method. The application of Fay's BRR to the ORS sample design involves several steps. Replicate half-samples – each using all quotes available for estimation - are constructed within each of the pre-defined variance strata. Once created, the replicate half-samples are used as input to the estimation process, and a list of replicate estimates are produced. These replicate estimates will then be used to calculate the variance estimates for each ORS estimate.

Defining the Variance Strata

The 2016 ORS sample design includes two different complex survey designs: the ORS-only sample and an additional sample from the National Compensation Survey (NCS). As a result, the variance estimate calculation must incorporate variance strata from each sample design.

The ORS-only sample specifies 23 detailed industry strata in the private sector and 10 industry strata in the government sector, plus 4 regions, making for 132 variance strata. Definitions for the detailed industries and census regions can be found in Appendix A. Variance strata definitions can be found in Appendix B.

The NCS sample adds another 101 area-based variance strata. Each OMB-defined area was sampled among all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSA), micropolitan statistical areas, and county clusters. There were 152 total areas selected, 57 with certainty. There are only 101 variance strata, due to some instances of multiple areas being combined into a single variance strata. The definitions for these variance strata can be found in Appendix C.

So, there are 233 total variance strata. However, since the number of replicates to be used in the calculation of variances must be a multiple of four to satisfy Fay's BRR, the number of replicates run is 236.

At some point in the future, this first production sample of ORS will rotate out. When that happens, the variance strata representing the NCS sample will no longer be needed and can be dropped from the process entirely. So, after the initial production sample has rotated out, the remaining sample would contain 132 variance strata, given there are no other changes to the sample design.

Formation of Replicate Half-samples

Replicate half-samples are constructed using a Hadamard Matrix and variance strata assignments. Then, occupational weights are increased or decreased depending on the half-sample selection flag. All usable quotes were randomly assigned a half-sample selection flag during sampling and will appear in each replicate half-sample with an appropriate weight adjustment.

The Hadamard Matrix is an X by X table where X is equal to the number of variance strata used in the variance calculation. So, X will also be the number of replicates that need to be created and then processed. There are 236 variance strata for the first year of production – 132 corresponding to the ORS sample design, 101 corresponding to the NCS sample design, and another 3 to satisfy the conditions for using BRR.

Each quote has been assigned one variance stratum and one half-sample selection flag. So, using the Hadamard Matrix example in Figure 1 below, a quote that is in variance stratum 2 and has a half-sample selection flag of (-1) will have a decrease in weight (for replicate 2).

Variance Stratum Number 2 4 5 6 7 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 Replicate Number 2 -1 -1 -1 1 1 1 1 -1 3 1 1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 -1 4 1 -1 -1 1 -1 -1 1 1 5 1 1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 6 1 -1 1 -1 -1 1 -1 1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 1 1 -1 8 1 -1 1 -1 1 1 -1

Figure 1: Example Hadamard Matrix

Quotes within non-certainty establishments will have a weight adjustment of k, a constant that is set for BRR. ORS will use k=0.5, so weights for quotes within non-certainty establishments will increase or decrease by half, depending on the half-sample selection flag. All quotes within a non-certainty establishment are assigned the same half-sample selection flag.

In establishments selected with certainty, quotes are assigned at random to the two half-samples. So, half of the sample quotes are assigned to half-sample number 1 and the other half of the quotes are assigned to half-sample number 2. The weight adjustment is then made depending on the half-sample selection flag.

Weight adjustments occur uniquely for each replicate half-sample as a result of the Hadamard Matrix. All replicate half-samples are used in the next step of variance calculation.

Run Estimation for each Replicate and then Calculate the Variance

Once the replicate half-samples are established and the occupational replicate weights have been adjusted, estimation is run for each of the 236 replicate half-samples. Variances are calculated for each estimate, using the sum of the differences between the full sample estimate and each of the 236 replicate estimates. The full sample estimates were calculated using the final occupational weights. The variance formula is as follows:

Formula 1 – Variance Calculation

$$V\left(\hat{\bar{Y}}_{c}\right) = \frac{1}{R \times (1-k)^{2}} \sum_{r=1}^{R} \left[\hat{\bar{Y}}_{cr} - \hat{\bar{Y}}_{c}\right]^{2}$$

where:

 $\hat{V}(\hat{Y}_c)$ = Variance estimate for ORS estimate c

c = ORS estimate (about 920 estimates covering 70 ORS data elements)

R = Number of replicates (236)

k = a constant where $0 \le k < 1$ (the value of k is 0.5)

 \overline{Y}_{cr} = Estimate c from replicate r

 \overline{Y}_c = Estimate c from the full sample

Standard errors are simply the square root of the variance. Relative standard errors are calculated by dividing the standard error of an estimate by the corresponding estimate value.

7. Conclusion and Next Steps

ORS will provide a measure of accuracy for every estimate produced. For means, percentages, and percentiles, a standard error will be calculated using Fay's BRR method.

The first production sample is a combination of two different complex samples. As a result, two sets of variance strata must be used to calculate the variance estimates. Once the initial sample rotates out, only one sample design will remain and there will be fewer variance strata to process when calculating the variance estimates.

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Appendix A – ORS Detailed Industry and Census Region Definitions

ORS Detailed Industry Definitions

| Private | Ind | lustry |
|---------|-----|--------|
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| Cell | NAICS Codes | Industry |
|------|--------------------------|--|
| 21A | 21 | Mining |
| 23A | 23 | Construction |
| 31A | 31-33 (including 336411) | Manufacturing |
| 22A | 22 | Utilities |
| 42A | 42 | Wholesale Trade |
| 44A | 44-45 | Retail Trade |
| 48A | 48-49 | Transportation and Warehousing |
| 51A | 51 | Information |
| 52A | 52(excl 524) | Finance (Rest of) |
| 52B | 524 | Insurance |
| 53A | 53 | Real Estate, Renting, Leasing |
| 54A | 54 | Professional, Scientific, Technical |
| 55A | 55 | Management of Companies/Enterprises |
| 56A | 56 | Admin., Support, Waste Management |
| 61A | 61(excl 6111-6113) | Educational Services (Rest of) |
| 61B | 6111 | Elementary and Secondary Schools |
| 61C | 6112,6113 | Junior Colleges, Colleges & Universities |
| 62A | 62(excl 622,623) | Health Care, Social Assistance (Rest of) |
| 62B | 622 | Hospitals |
| 62C | 623 | Nursing and Residential Care Facilities |
| 71A | 71 | Arts, Entertainment, Recreation |
| 72A | 72 | Accommodation and Food Services |
| 81A | 81(excl 814) | Other Services (except Public Admin.) |

State and Local Government

| Cell | NAICS Codes | Industry |
|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10L | 21, 23, 31-33 | Goods-Producing |
| 20L | 42, 44-45, 48-49, 22 | Trade, Transportation, and Utilities |
| 30L | 6111 | Elementary and Secondary Education |
| 40L | 6112, 6113 | Colleges and Universities |
| 50L | 61 excl. 6111-6113 | Rest of Education |
| 60L | 622 | Hospitals |
| 70L | 623 | Nursing Homes |
| 80L | 62 excl. 622-623 | Rest of Health and Social Services |
| 90L | 92 excl. 928 | Public Administration |
| 99L | 51, 52-53, 54-56, 71-72, 81 | Other Service-producing |

Census Region Definitions

| Census Region | Census Region | Chahan Inglindad |
|------------------|------------------|--|
| Code | Name | States Included |
| 1 | Northeast | ME, CT, MA, NH, RI, VT, NJ, NY, PA |
| 2 | South | AL, KY, MS, TN, DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, AK, LA, OK, TX |
| 3 | Midwest | IL, IN, IA, MI, WI, OH, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD |
| 4 | West | AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY, AK, CA, HI, OR, WA |

Appendix B – ORS-only Variance Strata Definitions

| Ownership Sector | Census Region | ORS Detailed Industry Stratum | Variance Stratum Number |
|---------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Private | 1 | 21A | 345 |
| Private | 2 | 21A | 346 |
| Private | 3 | 21A | 347 |
| Private | 4 | 21A | 348 |
| Private | 1 | 22A | 349 |
| Private | 2 | 22A | 350 |
| Private | 3 | 22A | 351 |
| Private | 4 | 22A | 352 |
| Private | 1 | 23A | 353 |
| Private | 2 | 23A | 354 |
| Private | 3 | 23A | 355 |
| Private | 4 | 23A | 356 |
| Private | 1 | 31A | 357 |
| Private | 2 | 31A | 358 |
| Private | 3 | 31A | 359 |
| Private | 4 | 31A | 360 |
| Private | 1 | 42A | 361 |
| Private | 2 | 42A | 362 |
| Private | 3 | 42A | 363 |
| Private | 4 | 42A | 364 |
| Private | 1 | 44A | 365 |
| Private | 2 | 44A | 366 |
| Private | 3 | 44A | 367 |
| Private | 4 | 44A | 368 |
| Private | 1 | 48A | 369 |
| Private | 2 | 48A | 370 |
| Private | 3 | 48A | 371 |
| Private | 4 | 48A | 372 |
| Private | 1 | 51A | 373 |
| Private | 2 | 51A | 374 |
| Private | 3 | 51A | 375 |
| Private | 4 | 51A | 376 |
| Private | 1 | 52A | 377 |
| Private | 2 | 52A | 378 |
| Private | 3 | 52A | 379 |

| Ownership Sector | Census Region | ORS Detailed Industry Stratum | Variance Stratum Number |
|---------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Private | 3 | 61C | 411 |
| Private | 4 | 61C | 412 |
| Private | 1 | 62A | 413 |
| Private | 2 | 62A | 414 |
| Private | 3 | 62A | 415 |
| Private | 4 | 62A | 416 |
| Private | 1 | 62B | 417 |
| Private | 2 | 62B | 418 |
| Private | 3 | 62B | 419 |
| Private | 4 | 62B | 420 |
| Private | 1 | 62C | 421 |
| Private | 2 | 62C | 422 |
| Private | 3 | 62C | 423 |
| Private | 4 | 62C | 424 |
| Private | 1 | 71A | 425 |
| Private | 2 | 71A | 426 |
| Private | 3 | 71A | 427 |
| Private | 4 | 71A | 428 |
| Private | 1 | 72A | 429 |
| Private | 2 | 72A | 430 |
| Private | 3 | 72A | 431 |
| Private | 4 | 72A | 432 |
| Private | 1 | 81A | 433 |
| Private | 2 | 81A | 434 |
| Private | 3 | 81A | 435 |
| Private | 4 | 81A | 436 |
| Government | 1 | 10G | 437 |
| Government | 2 | 10G | 438 |
| Government | 3 | 10G | 439 |
| Government | 4 | 10G | 440 |
| Government | 1 | 20G | 441 |
| Government | 2 | 20G | 442 |
| Government | 3 | 20G | 443 |
| Government | 4 | 20G | 444 |
| Government | 1 | 30G | 445 |

| Ownership Sector | Census Region | ORS Detailed Industry Stratum | Variance Stratum Number |
|---------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Private | 4 | 52A | 380 |
| Private | 1 | 52B | 381 |
| Private | 2 | 52B | 382 |
| Private | 3 | 52B | 383 |
| Private | 4 | 52B | 384 |
| Private | 1 | 53A | 385 |
| Private | 2 | 53A | 386 |
| Private | 3 | 53A | 387 |
| Private | 4 | 53A | 388 |
| Private | 1 | 54A | 389 |
| Private | 2 | 54A | 390 |
| Private | 3 | 54A | 391 |
| Private | 4 | 54A | 392 |
| Private | 1 | 55A | 393 |
| Private | 2 | 55A | 394 |
| Private | 3 | 55A | 395 |
| Private | 4 | 55A | 396 |
| Private | 1 | 56A | 397 |
| Private | 2 | 56A | 398 |
| Private | 3 | 56A | 399 |
| Private | 4 | 56A | 400 |
| Private | 1 | 61A | 401 |
| Private | 2 | 61A | 402 |
| Private | 3 | 61A | 403 |
| Private | 4 | 61A | 404 |
| Private | 1 | 61B | 405 |
| Private | 2 | 61B | 406 |
| Private | 3 | 61B | 407 |
| Private | 4 | 61B | 408 |
| Private | 1 | 61C | 409 |
| Private | 2 | 61C | 410 |

| Ownership Sector | Census Region | ORS Detailed Industry Stratum | Variance Stratum Number |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Government | 2 | 30G | 446 |
| Government | 3 | 30G | 447 |
| Government | 4 | 30G | 448 |
| Government | 1 | 40G | 449 |
| Government | 2 | 40G | 450 |
| Government | 3 | 40G | 451 |
| Government | 4 | 40G | 452 |
| Government | 1 | 50G | 453 |
| Government | 2 | 50G | 454 |
| Government | 3 | 50G | 455 |
| Government | 4 | 50G | 456 |
| Government | 1 | 60G | 457 |
| Government | 2 | 60G | 458 |
| Government | 3 | 60G | 459 |
| Government | 4 | 60G | 460 |
| Government | 1 | 70G | 461 |
| Government | 2 | 70G | 462 |
| Government | 3 | 70G | 463 |
| Government | 4 | 70G | 464 |
| Government | 1 | 80G | 465 |
| Government | 2 | 80G | 466 |
| Government | 3 | 80G | 467 |
| Government | 4 | 80G | 468 |
| Government | 1 | 90G | 469 |
| Government | 2 | 90G | 470 |
| Government | 3 | 90G | 471 |
| Government | 4 | 90G | 472 |
| Government | 1 | 99G | 473 |
| Government | 2 | 99G | 474 |
| Government | 3 | 99G | 475 |
| Government | 4 | 99G | 476 |

Appendix C – NCS Variance Strata Definitions

| Variance Stratum | Sampled Locality |
|---------------------|--|
| 124 | Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Gainesville, GA-AL CSA |
| 125 | Boston-Worcester-Manchester, MA-NH CSA |
| 126 | Buffalo-Niagara-Cattaraugus, NY CSA |
| 127 | Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City, IL-IN-WI CSA |
| 128 | Cincinnati-Middletown-Wilmington, OH-KY-IN CSA |
| 129 | Cleveland-Akron-Elyria, OH CSA |
| 130 | Columbus-Marion-Chillicothe, OH CSA |
| 131 | Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CSA |
| 132 | Dayton-Springfield-Greenville, OH CSA |
| 133 | Denver-Aurora-Boulder, CO CSA |
| 134 | Detroit-Warren-Flint, MI CSA |
| 135 | Hartford-West Hartford-Willimantic, CT CSA |
| 136 | Houston-Baytown-Huntsville, TX CSA |
| 137 | Huntsville-Decatur, AL CSA |
| 138 | Indianapolis-Anderson-Columbus, IN CSA |
| 139 | Los Angeles-Long Beach-Riverside, CA CSA |
| 140 | Louisville-Elizabethtown-Scottsburg, KY-IN CSA |
| 141 | Milwaukee-Racine-Waukesha, WI CSA |
| 142 | Minneapolis-St. Paul-St. Cloud, MN-WI CSA |
| 143 | New York-Newark-Bridgeport, NY-NJ-CT-PA CSA |
| 144 | Philadelphia-Camden-Vineland, PA-NJ-DE-MD CSA |
| 145 | Pittsburgh-New Castle, PA CSA |
| 146 | Raleigh-Durham-Cary, NC CSA |
| 147 | SacramentoArden-ArcadeTruckee, CA-NV CSA |
| 148 | San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA CSA |
| 149 | Seattle-Tacoma-Olympia, WA CSA |
| 150 | Washington-Baltimore-No. Virginia, DC-MD-VA-WV CSA |
| 151 | Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY |
| 152 | Austin-Round Rock, TX |
| 153 | Birmingham-Hoover, AL |
| 154 | Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC |
| 155 | Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI |
| 156 | Honolulu, HI |
| 157 | Jacksonville, FL |

| Variance Stratum | Sampled Locality |
|---------------------|--|
| 158 | Kansas City, MO-KS |
| 159 | Las Vegas-Paradise, NV |
| 160 | Memphis, TN-MS-AR |
| 161 | Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL |
| 162 | Nashville-DavidsonMurfreesboro, TN |
| 163 | New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA |
| 164 | Oklahoma City, OK |
| 165 | Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA |
| 166 | Orlando, FL |
| 167 | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ |
| 168 | Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA |
| 169 | Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA |
| 170 | Richmond, VA |
| 171 | Rochester, NY |
| 172 | Salt Lake City, UT |
| 173 | San Antonio, TX |
| 174 | San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA |
| 175 | St. Louis, MO-IL |
| 176 | Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL |
| 177 | Tulsa, OK |
| 178 | Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC |
| 179 | Bangor, ME |
| 1/9 | Springfield, MA |
| 180 | Johnstown, PA |
| 100 | State College, PA |
| 181 | York-Hanover, PA |
| 101 | Atlantic City, NJ |
| 102 | Reading, PA |
| 182 | Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ |
| 102 | Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, FL |
| 183 | Ocala, FL |
| 104 | Fayetteville, NC |
| 184 | Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC |
| 105 | Wilmington, NC |
| 185 | Charleston-North Charleston, SC |
| 186 | Salisbury, MD |
| | Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL |

| Variance Stratum | Sampled Locality |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 107 | Columbia, SC |
| 187 | Roanoke, VA |
| 188 | Tallahassee, FL |
| 100 | Greensboro-High Point, NC |
| 189 | Greenville, SC |
| 109 | Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL |
| 190 | Bloomington, IN |
| 190 | Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA |
| 101 | Wausau, WI |
| 191 | Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI |
| 102 | Elkhart-Goshen, IN |
| 192 | Rockford, IL |
| 102 | Toledo, OH |
| 193 | Holland-Grand Haven, MI |
| 104 | Madison, WI |
| 194 | Bloomington-Normal, IL |
| | Auburn-Opelika, AL |
| 195 | Jackson, MS |
| | Mobile, AL |
| 106 | Tuscaloosa, AL |
| 196 | Knoxville, TN |
| 107 | Springfield, MO |
| 197 | Sioux City, IA-NE-SD |
| | Lincoln, NE |
| 198 | Iowa City, IA |
| | Cedar Rapids, IA |
| 199 | Brownsville-Harlingen, TX |
| 199 | El Paso, TX |
| 200 | Monroe, LA |
| 200 | Amarillo, TX |
| 201 | Corpus Christi, TX |
| 201 | Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR |
| 202 | Baton Rouge, LA |
| 202 | Lafayette, LA |
| 202 | Great Falls, MT |
| 203 | Billings, MT |
| 204 | Tucson, AZ; Albuquerque, NM |

| Variance Stratum | Sampled Locality |
|---------------------|---|
| 205 | Fort Collins-Loveland, CO |
| 203 | Reno-Sparks, NV |
| 207 | Medford, OR |
| 206 | Visalia-Porterville, CA |
| 207 | Salem, OR |
| 207 | Fresno, CA |
| 200 | Salinas, CA |
| 208 | Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA |
| 200 | Caledonia, Orleans Counties, VT |
| 209 | Claremont, NH |
| | Bedford, Fulton, Juniata Counties, PA |
| 210 | Meadville, PA |
| | Corning, NY |
| 211 | Fannin, Gilmer, Lumpkin Counties, GA |
| 211 | Lee, Norton City, Wise Counties, VA |
| 212 | Mount Airy, NC |
| 212 | Clarksburg, WV |
| 213 | Palatka, FL; Lancaster, SC |
| 214 | Carroll, Jo Daviess Counties, IL & Lafayette County, WI |
| 214 | Sanilac County, MI |
| 215 | Quincy, IL-MO and Logansport, IN |
| 216 | Wooster, OH; Manitowoc, WI |
| 217 | Murray, KY and Starkville, MS |
| 218 | Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Wilkinson Counties, MS |
| 210 | Paducah, KY-IL |
| 219 | Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Smith, KS |
| 219 | Atchison, Holt, Mo & Johnson, Nemaha, etc., NE |
| 220 | Emporia, KS and Ottumwa, IA and Brainerd, MN |
| 221 | Miami, OK and Muskogee, OK |
| 222 | Baylor, Briscoe, etc., TX |
| | Fayette, Lee, TX |
| | Kalispell, MT |
| 223 | Nogales, AZ |
| | Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, NV |
| 224 | Ferry, Okanogan Counties, WA |
| | Centralia, WA |
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