

Principles for updating numerator and denominator data

Recommendations of the Denominator/Numerator workgroup

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Definitions:

Denominator data: Population estimates

Decennial: Every 10 years (2000, 2010, 2020, ...)

Intercensal: Between, and bracketed by, 2 decennial years

Postcensal: Years after a decennial year, but before the next decennial year

Principles for annual

1. Denominator data (population estimates)
 - a. BBER will provide postcensal estimates for each year.
 - b. BBER can provide updated postcensal estimates for preceding years (e.g. can provide updated 2011 estimates with its 2012 estimates).
 - c. DOH will not use updated postcensal estimates to update rates¹.
 - d. Each decennial year, BBER will provide updated intercensal estimates for the prior decade.
 - e. DOH will use updated intercensal estimates to update rates.
2. Numerator data
 - a. Annual numerator data will be provided by the data source (annual frozen file).
 - b. Numerator data that is registered/received after the annual data is produced will be included in next annual data file after it is registered/received.

¹ If the Denominator/Numerator workgroup decides that a change in postcensal estimates is extraordinary (as occurred in 2007), it may choose to recommend an exception to this principle.