

# Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Assessing the Drivers of U.S. Food Expenditures

Type of Report  
(ERR, EIB, EB,  
TB, SOR,)

ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Expenditure on food and beverages in the United States reached \$1.8 trillion in 2019. This expenditure included both food-at-home (FAH) establishments and food-away-from-home (FAFH) establishments. While total food expenditures have increased steadily through the decades, the share of expenditures at FAH establishments has decreased from about two-thirds half a century ago to 45 percent in 2019. To better understand changes in food spending, this study utilizes a structural decomposition analysis (SDA) to investigate the roles of income and propensity to spend changes in one framework. Specifically, the SDA framework decomposes food spending into four components: disposable personal income (DPI), personal consumption expenditures (PCE) as a share of DPI, total food spending as a share of PCE, and FAH (FAFH) as a share of total food spending. Using data from 1997 to 2020, this study assesses the relative effects of the drivers of food spending including recession periods.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 02/26/2021 Completed: 05/13/2021 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No