

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: U.S. Household Food Spending Post COVID-19 and Its Implications for Diet Quality

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: The COVID-19 pandemic induced significant changes in where and what foods were purchased in the United States. Research suggests that prior economic shocks have had long-term impacts on food consumption patterns, diet and health-related outcomes and exacerbated existing disparities in these outcomes across socioeconomic groups. However, the pandemic and its recovery differed importantly from these other economic shocks and the long-term diet and health impacts are unclear. This report examines whether these shifts persisted after vaccines were rolled out in 2021–2022 and if they persisted similarly across socioeconomic groups.

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 Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 6/28/2024 Completed: 9/30/2024

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No

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

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No