National Survey of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations: Data Accuracy

Domain and outcome variables were coded specifically for use with the Generalized Estimation System (GES). GES is a SAS based application for producing estimates and quality indicators by domain (domains can be derived from any collected variable, as opposed to a stratification variable). Using GES, coefficients of variation (CVs) were generated for quantitative point estimates. Similarly, standard errors (SEs) were provided for estimates of proportions and ratios. Consistent with STC policy, letter grades based on the measures of quality were assigned to each estimate.

The following grading system was applied:

Letter and interpretation	CV	SE
A Very Good	Up to 5%	Up to 2.5%
B Good	>5% to 16.7%	>2.5% to 7.5%
C Fair	>16.7% to 33.3%	>7.5% to 15%
E Use with caution	More than 33.3%	More than 15%