

Imputing indices

The situation

Using 25-month, GEKS-T, mean splice on published

Problem: how to impute elementary aggregates (EAs) when lack-of-matches?

We examine aggregate-level imputation

May be preferred to imputing prices by ensuring "neutral" impact on aggregates

The plan

Simulate effect of imputation on scanner data

Drop 10% of EAs at random (different seeds: different sets of dropped EAs)

Impute EA using CS monthly rate

Calculate residuals = (COICOP5 index with 10% imputed values – original COICOP5 index)



Boxplot of residuals

The results

Eleven different seeds, each giving a residual boxplot

Means are generally close to 0

Slight downward bias in the imputed indices