

# 2009 Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) Microdata Users' Workshop

**July 29 - 31, 2009  
Postal Square Building  
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC**

Join fellow CE microdata users at this year's expanded workshop. Each day has a special schedule devoted to informative & practical sessions.

DAY 1: Sessions designed for the brand-new or novice user

- Basic info about the CE
- Content and organization of microdata files
- Creation of data sets within and across files
- Topcoding and other confidentiality measures
- Hands-on training in our computer classrooms

DAY 2: Research sessions highlighting uses of the data

- Presentations by users in government and academia
- Use of CE data by BLS Regional Offices
- Tips on publishing your research in the *Monthly Labor Review*
- "Sneak peek" at future developments in the CE

DAY 3: Sessions designed for the more experienced user

- Derivation and use of weights for estimation of means and variances
- Using the multiply-imputed income variables properly
- Treating interviews independently vs. linking them across quarters
- How sales taxes are applied to reported expenditures
- Topics suggested by you, the experienced user
- Hands-on training in our computer classrooms

**The Workshop is free to all participants.**

Find the registration form on the CE website at <http://www.bls.gov/cex/>.

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