

CALL FOR PRESENTERS:

2014 Consumer Expenditure Survey Microdata Users' Workshop



July 16-18, 2014 Postal Square Building, Washington, DC

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Have you used the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) in your work? More specifically, have you used the public-use microdata files from the CE in research you have conducted? If so, we would like to invite you to present your work at the upcoming 9th annual CE Microdata Users' Workshop, to be held July 16-18, 2014, following the half-day CE Survey Methods Symposium on July 15. Starting this year, the CE program would like to post accepted presentations on the BLS website, unless the submitting author specifies otherwise. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact the team at or before the time you submit your proposal.

We are seeking presentations of up to 30 minutes by users of the CE data for the workshop. There are no limits to the areas of research or degree of sophistication of the papers we seek. They can be descriptive or applied. They can present simple hypothesis testing or elegant model building. Work in progress is as welcome as finished research. ***However, when preparing the presentation, please note that the emphasis should be on how the data were used, questions or problems encountered, and similar discussion.*** Results of the research are an important, and perhaps necessary, component of these presentations; nevertheless, the emphasis sought is on application.

While we cannot offer any honoraria to presenters, the workshop is free of charge to all who come. Past workshops have averaged about 50 attendees, so you can anticipate a significant audience for your presentation. In addition, previous workshop attendees have cited these sessions consistently among their favorites, especially the presentations giving practical examples of how the data can be used in research.

If you would like to present at the workshop, please complete the attached submission form, and send it to the proposal review team (CE_Symposium_Workshop_2014@bls.gov). If for any reason you are unable to fill in the form, or if you require additional space, you may also send your submission in the form of an e-mail, as long as the topics requested in the submission form are clearly identified and addressed.

If you have a colleague who might be interested in presenting, please forward this invitation. Also please note that the workshop is an excellent forum for graduate students to gain experience presenting their work, and to get helpful comments on research in development, including dissertation proposals or theses in progress.

If you would like to be part of the 2014 CE Microdata Users' Workshop program or have any questions about the workshop, please contact us by May 14, 2014.

Contact the CE Workshop Team • CE_Symposium_Workshop_2014@bls.gov •
<http://www.bls.gov/cex/csxannualworkshop.htm> • (202) 691-6900

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1. Name(s)/affiliation(s) of presenter(s):
2. Title of presentation:
3. Purpose of research (article for publication; class project; thesis/dissertation; work project; policy-making; etc.):
4. Brief description (one paragraph) of the work (goal of work, methods used, etc.):

5. Data used: Interview Survey Diary Survey Both
6. Quarters/years examined (e.g., 2010Q1-2011Q1):
7. Data files used: (FMLI, MEMI, EXPD, etc.—name all that are appropriate from each survey, if both used):

8. Presentation Availability (are there dates/times you CANNOT attend/prefer?)

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

This section is designed both to help us better understand your research, and to provide guidance/suggestions at the workshop. However, consideration of your application will not be adversely affected if none of these items apply.

Problems encountered/solutions used (if any):

Questions/concerns/comments you have for the data/workshop producers:

Suggestions to improve the microdata and documentation: