

Consumer Expenditure Survey Microdata Users' Workshop: Call for Presenters



Have you analyzed results from 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 5th annual CE Microdata Users' Workshop, which will be held July 14-16, 2010 at the Bureau of Labor Statistics headquarters in Washington, DC (2 Massachusetts Avenue NE).



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. In fact, previous workshop attendees have cited these sessions consistently among their favorites, not just because of their interest in the topics presented, but because the presentations give practical examples of how the data can be used in research.



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. If space permits, we will extend invitations to the local professional community to attend the sessions, so you can anticipate a significant audience for your presentation.



To be considered, please send an abstract of your presentation to the Workshop Planning Team (CE_Workshop_2010@bls.gov) by May 17, 2010. Please include the title of your presentation, the source of data you are using in each (i.e., Interview Survey, Diary Survey, or both), the period in which the data were collected (e.g., 2007 through 2008), and a brief description of the goals of your research and how

the data are used to achieve these ends. Once we have all the proposals, the team will evaluate them, and will provide updates on status as appropriate.



By the way, 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 2010 CE Users' Microdata Workshop program or have any questions about the workshop, please contact us at CE_Workshop_2010@bls.gov, or leave a message at (202) 691 - 6900. Information is also available online at <http://www.bls.gov/cex/csxannualworkshop.htm>. This page includes a link to a published report about the 2009 workshop.



Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you.