



2017 CE Microdata Users' Workshop Call for Presenters July 19-21, 2017

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 invite you to present your work at the upcoming CE Microdata Users' Workshop, to be held July 19-21, 2017, following the CE Survey Methods Symposium on July 18.

We are seeking presentations of up to 30 minutes. 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 consistently rated these sessions to be 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 answer the questions on the second page of this document, and email your proposal to review team (CE_Symposium_Workshop@bls.gov).

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 students--graduate or advanced undergraduate--to gain experience presenting their work, and to get helpful comments on research in development, including dissertation proposals or theses in progress.

Related to this, we encourage first-time and novice data users to consider this call as seriously as experienced users. We value presentations and comments from users of all levels of familiarity with these data: They all help us to improve the CE microdata products and services we provide.

If you would like to be part of the 2017 CE Microdata Users' Workshop program or have any questions about the workshop, please contact us by May 1, 2017.

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.

PRESENTATION SUBMISSION FORM: 2017 Consumer Expenditure Survey Microdata Users' Workshop

1. Name(s)/affiliation(s) of presenter(s)
2. Level of expertise (e.g., first-time user; novice; intermediate; expert; other—please explain) of presenter(s)
3. Title of presentation
4. Purpose of research (e.g., article for publication; class project; thesis/dissertation; work project; policy-making; etc.)
5. Brief description (one paragraph) of the work (goal of work, methods used, etc.)
6. Data used: Interview Survey; Diary Survey; or both
7. Quarters/years examined (e.g., 2010Q1-2011Q1).
8. Data files used: (FMLY, MEMB, EXPN—name all that are appropriate from each survey, if both are used).
9. Presentation Availability (are there dates/times that you CANNOT attend, or that you prefer to present?)

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:

Additional information about your and (if applicable) your co-authors' background, the project, etc. that you would care to share: