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MEETING SCHEDULED

CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEY: METHODOLOGY AND USES

Chairman: Robert B. Pearl, Office of Management and Budget

Speakers: Kathryn R. Murphy, formerly Chief of the Consumer Expenditure Branch, Bureau of Labor Statistics
"Previous Methodology Used in BLS Consumer Expenditure Surveys (1960-61)"

Robert B. Pearl, Office of Management and Budget
"New Methodology for Forthcoming Consumer Expenditure Survey (1972-73)"

Panel of Users: Mollie Orshansky, Division of Economic and Long-Range Studies, Social Security Administration

Janet Norwood, Chief, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Third discussant will be announced at the meeting.

The Consumer Expenditure Survey is the basis for deriving the weights for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the market basket of items to be priced, and has many other uses as well. A new methodology has been developed for the forthcoming expenditure survey (1972-73) which will precede the current updating of the CPI. This methodology as well as that used in prior decennial BLS expenditure surveys (1950 and 1960) will be described. The implication of the change in methodology will be appraised by a panel of users.

When and Where: 1 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 11, General Accounting Office Auditorium, 7th Floor, 441 G Street, N.W.

Parking: For the usual local fee, attendees should find convenient parking in the several commercial lots located in the neighborhood.

MEETINGS -- OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

THE NIH PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS SEMINAR is presenting two seminars in November. They are:

NIH Statistics Seminar, November 9, 3:00 p.m.
Professor N. L. Johnson of U.N.C. "Tests on
Sample Size When Censoring is Suspected" Bldg.
31, Conference Room 5.

NIH Statistics Seminar, Thursday, November 18,
10:00 a.m. Professor F. J. Anscombe of Yale
University, "Some Recent Work in Time Series
Analysis" Bldg. 1, Wilson Hall.

JOB OPENINGS

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, Office of Statistical Programs, Financial Statistics Division, is seeking three mathematical statisticians in GS-9 (PS-10), GS-13 (PS-15) and GS-14 (PS-17) ranges. The PS grade in parentheses is the approximate equivalent of the GS grade shown. The area of competence desirable for the three positions is sampling theory. Please contact Mr. S. Loew at 961-7761, or Code 177-7761, or write to: Mr. S. Loew, Director, U.S. Postal Service, Office of Statistical Programs, Financial Statistics Division, Room 2407, 12th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20260.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, Administrative Statistics Division has a vacancy for a statistician or a mathematical statistician. Duties involve the design of large sampling systems and the analysis of statistical data. This position is rated at the GS-12 level (PS-14). Interested applicants should contact Mr. Paul E. Postelnek, Director, Administrative Statistics Division, Office of Statistical Programs and Standards, Room 2407, U.S. Postal Service, 12th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20260. Telephone 961-8445/6 or Code 177-8445/6.

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