

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
MEPS Data Users' Two-Day Workshop
Estimation; Linking; Employment-Related Data; Hands-On Computer Lab
AHRQ Conference Center
Rockville, Maryland
November 30 & December 1, 2004

Logistical Factsheet

**Workshop
Dates and Times:**

November 30: Day One

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

*Registration and Continental
Breakfast*

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Introduction

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Estimation

12:00 noon

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Linking

December 1: Day Two

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Employment-Related Data

12:00 noon

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hands-on Computer Lab

Location:

AHRQ (Eisenberg Building)
Conference Center
540 Gaither Road
Rockville, MD 20850-6649
Phone: 301-427-1471
Fax: 301-427-1277

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements, hotel accommodations, meals and snack breaks (a continental breakfast will be provided on both days).

There is a break room at AHRQ with vending machines.

You will receive directions to luncheon places, including carryout, within walking distance.

For security purposes, please be prepared to show a photo ID to enter the AHRQ facility. All persons (and their belongings) have to pass through X-Ray machines at the entrance to the building.

**Hotel
Accommodations:**

It is best for out-of-towners to arrive before 10:30 p.m. the night before. Reserve a room in a hotel near AHRQ (Expedia.com can help find the 6-10 nearby hotels). Arrange during reservations about shuttles from Metro to the hotel, and from the hotel to AHRQ (tell them it is at 540 Gaither Road at the corner of Redland and Gaither Roads). Use www.mapquest.com to chart your route from home to hotel/hotel to AHRQ and for distance calculations. For those taking the Metro (Red Line) there is a free shuttle to AHRQ (Eisenberg Building) from the Shady Grove Metro station.

Hotel Accommodations (cont.):

The following listed hotels offer shuttle service from the nearby Shady Grove Metro station (Best Western goes to the Rockville Metro Station) on the Red Line, and will take you to AHRQ if you arrange with the front desk the night before. Confirm shuttle arrangements when making reservations. Hotel room prices start in the \$80 range and full suites at about \$110.

The hotels may not have restaurants on-site but may have full or continental breakfast included with room and light dinner fare in the afternoon, and be able to provide shuttle service (including pick up) if you want to go out to a restaurant in the evening. Please check when making reservations. Hotels are in commercial areas which can be isolated before and after business hours. The use of automobiles or shuttles is recommended.

Quality Suites by Choice Hotels
3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850
1-800-424-6423 or local, 301-840-0200

Sleep Inn by Choice Hotels
2 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850
1-800-424-6423 or local, 301-948-8000

Reference the "AHRQ" rate code when making reservations at either of the above hotels.

Woodfin Suites Hotel (203 room all-suite hotel)
1380 Piccard Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
1-800-966-3346 or local, 301-590-9880
Within walking distance of AHRQ.
Reference the "CAHRQ" rate code when making reservations.

Best Western/Washington Gateway Hotel
1251 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850
1-800-366-1251 or local, 301-424-4940
Reference the "AHRQ" rate code when making reservations.

The following center has a restaurant open for three meals/day but offers no shuttle service:

Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center
9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878
1-800-218-9316 or local, 301-590-0044

Ground Transportation:

On the AHRQ home page, www.ahrq.gov, under "About AHRQ," link to "**Map and Directions**" for a small map of the area and for "Driving Directions," "Directions from Airports," and for "Public Transportation."

If you use the public transportation shuttle from the Shady Grove Metro to AHRQ (Ride-On Route 63 or 66 bus), the AHRQ "Eisenberg Office Building" is the building across the parking lot from the Market

Place corner store at the corner of Redland and Gaither Roads. The AHRQ shuttle from the Metro station will take you directly to the AHRQ building.

Parking is accessible only at the Gaither Road entrance to AHRQ building. Maximum daily cost is \$4.

Local drivers note that in the morning the GW to I-495 (Beltway) is usually wide open, and the inner loop rarely runs below 55 mph. The outer loop is slow between I-95 and Wisconsin Ave., but once on I-270, you should move at 55 mph without a problem. Tune to WTOP (1500 on radio) for accident alerts.

Shuttle/Taxi Services:

Transportation services include the following. Prices are approximate and may fluctuate especially with gasoline costs. Confirm costs when calling for reservations. Quality of service may vary so confirm pick-requirements, number of stops, etc. before making reservations.

From **REAGAN/WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT**
From **WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**; AND
From **BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (B.W.I.)**

- **Maryland Shuttle and Sedan Service** (301-881-9600 or 1-800-230-0000): Reservations must be made **in advance**, and the cost is \$21-\$27 (plus gratuity).
- **Bon Voyage** (301-926-2722 or 1-888-744-1771): Reservations must be made **in advance**, and the cost is from shuttle/\$57 to sedan/\$67 (plus gratuity).
- **Federal Airport Shuttle** (301-721-2929 or 1-866-721-2929): Reservations must be made **in advance**, and the costs is from shuttle/\$35 to sedan/\$45 (plus gratuity).
- **Taxicab**: Cost is approximately \$40 - \$75. Taxis are readily available outside the baggage claim areas of all airports.

A direct trip from any airport takes approximately 1 hour depending on traffic. Allow slightly more time to/from B.W.I. and slightly less to/from Reagan/Washington National.

Metro Subway Services:

From **REAGAN/WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT**

- **Metro Subway**: Board the **Blue Line** toward *Addison Road*. Exit at the *Metro Center* stop, and transfer to the **Red Line** going toward *Shady Grove*, or board the **Yellow Line** toward *Mt. Vernon Square*. Exit at the *Gallery Place/Chinatown* stop and transfer to the **Red Line** going toward *Shady Grove*. Exit at *Shady Grove* station. Travel time is 1 hour and 20 minutes.

From **UNION STATION/Amtrak**

Any train arriving in Washington's Union Station allows for connection to the Metro.

- **Metro Subway:** From Union Station, board the **Red Line** toward *Shady Grove* and exit at *Shady Grove* station. Travel time is approximately 50 minutes.

Metro fare is about \$4.00 to Shady Grove. Metro fare cards are magnetic cards purchased from machines located at the entrance to each station. Fare cards can contain any amount of money up to \$20. Once at Shady Grove Station go to "Ground Transportation" directions on the preceding page for shuttle service directions to the AHRQ Eisenberg Office Building. Use of Metro late at night is not recommended.

A clickable Metro Subway map is at <http://www.wmata.com/metro/metro/systemmap.cfm>

Emergencies: In case of emergency, your family or co-workers can leave you a message during class hours by calling 301-427-1406 and speaking to the support staff.

In case of inclement weather, please call 301-427-1406 for information on delayed openings or cancellations.

Contact Information:

E-mail program questions to:

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*For logistical questions and to request **any special accessibility requirements** (e.g., sign interpretation, wheel chair ramp access, etc.), please contact:*

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