

The Mining Data Workshop provides a one-and one-half day hands-on training using data from the Census Transportation Planning Products program, the American Community Survey, and the National Household Travel Survey.

The CTPP suite of products has been evolving since 1960 and currently the most widely used data product for metropolitan and state planning. Attendees in this workshop will:

1. Learn about the CTPP, its current status, past products, and most importantly about the layout and design of CTPP 2000.
2. Access data from CTPP 2000 using tools such as the CTPP Access Tool, website portals including TranStats and American FactFinder.
3. Analyze CTPP data, troubleshoot it for issues, and present results in several ways, including making profiles for their areas.

The American Community Survey (ACS) was implemented in 2005 and data for 2005 is starting to be released with some early products available on the Census Bureau's website. Data is restricted to areas in the U.S. with over 65,000 people. This portion of the workshop will:

1. Help users understand ACS data and its concepts
2. Work with statistical Margins of Errors
3. Use the American Fact Finder website to download and examine ACS data for their areas.

First conducted in 1969 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) is the nation's inventory of daily and long-distance travel. The survey provides data on travel by all modes of transportation, for all travel purposes, and all travel distances. The NHTS data complement CTPP and ACS by providing large area summaries of non-work related travel. Florida recently signed on to collect additional samples under the NHTS specific to Florida. In this facet of the training attendees will:

1. Learn about the basics of NHTS and how it complements the other data sets.
2. Access NHTS data online using the "on-line" tool.
3. Work with a recently published statewide profile.