



CENSUS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PRODUCTS PROGRAM TRAINING

Census Transportation Planning Products

CTPP Training is chiefly aimed at data users at MPOs and States. It is appropriate for consultants and students as well. This training is designed for anyone who works on long-range planning, congestion management, travel forecasting, air quality analysis, demographics, and GIS.

CTPP training sessions are typically one and half days of hands-on work in a computer based setting. Participants will engage in discussion, practice analytical skills through exercises, learn to navigate the CTPP software, and leave with a better understanding of what transportation data are available and what are the avoidable pitfalls to using them.

Subjects Covered

Understanding and Dealing with Data Issues

- In-depth, ongoing discussion optimally resulting in better, smarter data users

Transportation Data and How to Get It

- CTPP, ACS, JTW—What do these acronyms mean? What agencies collect and produce these data? How accurate, current, reliable are they?

What Kind of Data Is Collected and Where Is It?

- Commutes, Tours, Modes. Websites, Search engines, Hard Files—What's out there, how is it found, how is it acquired?

Census and CTPP Geography, Understanding It, Using It

- Custom geography for planning applications

CTPP Data Access Software

- A hands-on, follow-along, in depth, tutorial: Attendees will create a profile of an area using many features of the CTPP Data Access Software

Each class is customized for the locality and participants will receive invaluable access to information and resources that they will use again and again. The training is interesting, informative, vital and entertaining.

To Host CTPP Training in Your Area

Thank you for your interest in hosting CTPP training. Although the training is free to attend, it is both resource and materials heavy and best suited for practitioners who will be using, or who are involved in analyses that use the Census data. We put a lot of effort into developing training and we want you and your attendees to get the most out of it. If you feel you can meet the requirements below, we will happily evaluate your training request and work on finding a mutually agreeable date. We require approximately three months lead time.

Host Requirements:

- 20 to 40 qualified attendees
 - We require that attendees complete the e-learning modules at: <http://ctpp.training.transportation.org/> before attending the in-person class. Completion of the modules will enhance the attendees' learning experience and allow the instructors to cover the material more in-depth.
- Broad advertising or notification to your region. We like to have attendees from many different types of agencies. CTPP training is public, and we have limited resources to cover the nation; we rely on you to effectively get the word out that training is available in your area.
- A computer lab is ideal, and computers can be shared, however a space with reliable wireless Internet where attendees bring laptops also works. If you do not have a lab available, please ensure that your attendees bring a laptop that can access the Internet.
- There is no software to upload. We bring handouts and electronic media with the day's materials; the software is online.
- We ask you to provide lunch.

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