

American Community Survey Training

What is the American Community Survey (ACS) and why should I attend?

The ACS is a continuous, ongoing national survey that provides data users with social, economic, housing, and demographic characteristics for populations in Washington State. After 2010, the ACS will replace the Census long form data. Users who need long form data such as poverty, income, education, or occupation for grant applications, policy making, state and local government planning and federal and state program evaluation should attend this training. The goal of this workshop is to help the attendee become more familiar with the ACS data, how to use it, how it is different from the Census long form, and what resources are available. This is a **free workshop**.

Who should attend?

Those who currently use or plan on using the ACS. This training will be directed towards those with little or no experience with the ACS, but those with intermediate ACS skills will probably also benefit. **State and local government employees, who RSVP prior to November 20, 2009, will receive priority. If there is space, enrolment will open to others after November 23, 2009.**

AGENDA

8:30-9:30 An Overview of the ACS (Erica Gardner, OFM)

9:30-10:30 Things That May Affect the Estimates from the ACS (Alfredo Navarro or other Census Bureau staff)

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:15 Geographic Areas and Concepts for the ACS (Erica Gardner, OFM)

11:15-12:15 Understanding Multiyear Estimates from the ACS (Alfredo Navarro or other Census Bureau staff)

12:15-1:15 Lunch (on your own)

1:15-1:45 Introduction to the Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) (Erica Gardner, OFM)

1:45-2:15 Data Products from the ACS (Linda Clark or other Census Bureau staff)

2:15-3:15 More Detailed Training on Using American FactFinder (Linda Clark, Census Bureau)

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-4:30 Overview of OFM's New ACS Website (Erica Gardner, OFM)

WHEN AND WHERE

**Thursday, December 3, 2009
8:30-4:30 p.m.**

Worthington Center
Saint Martin's University
Lacey, Washington

CAMPUS MAP

[http://www.stmartin.edu/About/SMUCampus
Map.pdf](http://www.stmartin.edu/About/SMUCampusMap.pdf)

PARKING

Parking is on the right in front of the building.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please register via e-mail with the names, organizations and e-mail addresses of those that will be attending to:

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Space is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis to state and local government employees prior to November 20, 2009. If there is space, enrollment will open up to others on November 23, 2009.

COST

Registration is FREE
(All guests must be registered)

DIRECTIONS TO SAINT MARTIN'S UNIVERSITY

From I-5 Northbound: Take highway exit 109. Turn left on Martin Way to College Street. Take a left on College Street to Lacey Blvd. Take a left on Lacey Blvd. to Ruddell Road. Turn left on Ruddell Road, cross Pacific Avenue to Saint Martin's University Pavilion, Worthington Center. Parking is on the right in front of the building.

From I-5 Southbound: Take highway exit 109. Turn right on Martin Way to College Street. Take a left on College Street to Lacey Blvd. Take a left on Lacey Blvd. to Ruddell Road. Turn left on Ruddell Road, cross Pacific Avenue to Saint Martin's University Pavilion, Worthington Center. Parking is on the right in front of the building.

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