**Description of May Webinars and October Presentation**

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**December 7, 2009**

**May 12, 2009 Webinar**

The topic of the May 12, 2009 webinar was the 2000 study. Several topics were covered during the webinar, including the structure of the 2000 data set and codebook, case dispositions, variables computed for analytic purposes, and filters written to obtain various subsamples of businesses. Approximately ten researchers and graduate students attended the one hour session, and UMConnect was used to present the material and record the session for future use. To prepare for the webinar, Sharon Danes and Sayali Amarapurkar worked together to create an 18 slide PowerPoint presentation and homework problems for the group to work through prior to the webinar.

**May 19, 2009 Webinar**

The topic of the May 19, 2009 webinar was the 2007 study, which was designed to obtain updated information about the status of businesses and owning families, and also to learn about the impact of natural disasters and disaster relief on business viability. Several topics were covered during the webinar, including the structure of the 2007 data set and codebook, case dispositions, variables computed for analytic purposes, and filters written to obtain various subsamples of businesses. Approximately ten researchers and graduate students attended the one hour session, and UMConnect was used to present the material and record the session for future use. To prepare for the webinar, Sharon Danes and Katie Brewton worked together to create a 25 slide PowerPoint presentation and homework problems for the group to work through prior to the webinar.

**October 18, 2009 Presentation**

The October 18, 2009 in-person presentation in Columbus, Ohio was similar to that of the May 19, 2009 webinar. The topic was the 2007 study, which was designed to obtain updated information about the status of businesses and owning families, and also to learn about the impact of natural disasters and disaster relief on business viability. Several topics were covered during the two hour session, including the structure of the 2007 data set and codebook, an extensive overview of case dispositions, variables computed for analytic purposes, and filters written to obtain various subsamples of businesses. Approximately 20 researchers and graduate students attended the session. To prepare for the presentation, Sharon Danes and Katie Brewton worked together to create a 32 slide PowerPoint presentation.