

# A Workshop on New Approaches for Protecting Privacy in Federal Statistical Programs

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This workshop will discuss new approaches to protecting data confidentiality, with a particular focus on methods that offer formal guarantees of privacy protection, like differential privacy.

Discussions will cover the policy and implementation issues from both provider and user perspectives, including the promises and limitations of using formal privacy methods.

## Workshop topics and speakers include:

- ❖ Risks of existing statistical disclosure limitation methods  
*Philip Leclerc, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Ben Rubinstein, University of Melbourne, Australia*
- ❖ Privacy protection needs of federal agencies  
*Michael Hawes, Department of Education; Donna Miller, National Center for Health Statistics; Darius Singpurwalla, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics*
- ❖ Differential privacy tutorial: What it is, how it works, how to implement it  
*Alexandra Wood, Harvard University; Kobbi Nissim, Georgetown University*
- ❖ Current technical capabilities in formal privacy: What can be released via existing methods to satisfy formal privacy and still have high data usefulness? What is not yet possible?  
*Kamalika Chaudhuri, University of California San Diego; Ashwin Machanavajjhala, Duke University; Ilya Mironov, Google; Salil Vadhan, Harvard University*
- ❖ Policy issues and practical experiences with formal privacy from a federal government perspective  
*John Abowd, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Barry Johnson, Statistics of Income Division; Nancy Potok, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*
- ❖ Implications of formal privacy for data users: What are users of data products concerned about if agencies move to formal privacy? What are the benefits of doing so?  
*Mike Davern, NORC; John Friedman, Brown University and NBER; Julia Lane, New York University; Joe Salvo, New York City Department of City Planning*
- ❖ Looking forward: What can agencies do in the short and long term to achieve improved privacy protection? Are there intermediate solutions?  
*Tom Krenzke, Westat; Jerry Reiter, Duke University; Lars Vilhuber Cornell University*
- ❖ Speed session presentations  
*Five-minute presentations by audience participants on privacy research, problems, experiences, and solutions*

Visit the workshop website [here](#). Register to attend the workshop either in person or via webcast [here](#).