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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM / 1977 ANNUAL MEETING / SOUTHERN REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP October 19-21, 1977/Virginia Beach, Va.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 / 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**  
Registration

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 / 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**  
Social Hour (Cash Bar)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
Registration

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**  
*The Economic and Social Consequences of Sustained Low Fertility in the United States*

Convener: Thomas J. Espenshade, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**10:45 a.m.—12:00**

*New Frontiers of Migration Research* (Tentative title)

Convener: Larry H. Long, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**12:00—1:00 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m.**

*Current Developments in Mortality Research* (Tentative title)

Convener: Eui Hang Shin, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of South Carolina

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**2:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m.**

*Open Forum on Problems, Developments, and Innovations in the Teaching of Population at the Undergraduate Level*

Convener: Edward E. Cahill, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

*The Current Controversy over the Interpretation of Demographic Data*

Convener: Leon F. Bouvier, International Statistical Programs Center, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.**

Social Hour (Cash Bar)

### Hotel Reservations for SRDG Annual Meeting

Rooms for the 1977 annual meeting are being guaranteed by the Holiday Inn Ocean Front at Virginia Beach. Rates are \$15.00 per night single and \$18.00 double or twin, plus tax. The rates apply for the day before the meeting (Tuesday) and the day after (Friday). All rooms will overlook either the ocean or a swimming pool. **To reserve a room, you must send the enclosed card or a copy directly to the Holiday Inn Ocean Front.**

There are direct flights to Virginia Beach from Atlanta and Washington, D.C. The airport is about 20 minutes from the Holiday Inn Ocean Front, where the meeting is being held. Limousine service to the motel costs \$6.00. For those interested in sightseeing, Williamsburg and Busch Gardens are only 30 miles away. Local arrangements are being made by Leon F. Bouvier of the Bureau of the Census and Jeanne C. Biggar of the University of Virginia.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 9:00 a.m.—12:00**

Registration

**9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

*Data Needs for Formulating Fertility Policy in the United States*

Convener: Robert H. Weller, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**10:45 a.m.—12:00**

Annual SRDG Business Meeting

Presiding: Dudley L. Poston, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

**12:00—1:00 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m.**

*Demography, Energy, and Society*

Convener: Dudley L. Poston, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

**2:45 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

*Demographic Data Developments in the Federal Sector*

Convener: Richard A. Engels, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Concurrent Session(s) of contributed papers

## **SRDG Members to Run for National Population Offices**

Members of the Southern Regional Demographic Group will be on the 1977 ballot of the Population Association of America (PAA). According to Charles F. Westoff, convener of the 1977 PAA Nominating Committee, elected officers of PAA will serve during calendar year 1978, and Board members for the 1978-1980 period.

These SRDG members are among the names on the PAA mail ballot:

### **President-Elect**

Charles B. Nam, Florida State University

Daniel O. Price, University of Texas at Austin

### **Second Vice-President**

Krishnan Namboodiri, University of North Carolina

### **Director**

Thomas J. Espenshade, Florida State University

Anne Lee, Medical College of Georgia

Harry M. Rosenberg, University of North Carolina

### **Nominating Committee**

Harley L. Browning, University of Texas at Austin

Richard E. Bilsborrow, University of North Carolina

Additional nominees from the South may appear on the final ballot if their

names were submitted by petition prior to June 1, as allowed by the PAA Bylaws.

## **SRDG Elections**

An election to fill two positions on the SRDG Executive Committee will be held this summer, according to SRDG President Dudley Poston. The positions, which are for three-year terms, are being vacated by Poston and Jeanne C. Biggar of the University of Virginia, whose terms will expire. Biggar is currently Vice-President of SRDG. Continuing members of the Executive Committee are Leon F. Bouvier and Richard A. Engels, who are with the Bureau of the Census; Philip L. Johnson of Oak Ridge Associated Universities; Anne Lee of the Medical College of Georgia; and Robert H. Weller of Florida State University.

An SRDG Nominations Committee has selected four candidates to stand election by mail ballot for the two executive committee positions: Gladys K. Bowles, University of Georgia; Abbott L. Ferriss, Emory University; William J. Serow, University of Virginia; Eui Hang Shin, University of South Carolina.

The Nominations Committee members were Edward E. Cahill of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Larry Long of the Bureau of the Census, George C. Myers of Duke University (Chairman), and Daniel O. Price of the University of Texas at Austin. The mail ballot will be conducted by SRDG Secre-

## **Second Call for 1977 Contributed Papers and Additional Program Participants**

The 1977 SRDG annual meeting will feature sessions of papers contributed by members and other interested persons. Papers dealing with any topic of demographic interest will be considered. Persons wishing to submit a paper for consideration should send two copies of a one-page abstract (including the author's address and telephone number) to the 1977 Program Chairman:

Dr. William J. Serow  
Tayloe Murphy Institute  
University of Virginia  
P.O. Box 6550  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22906  
804-924-7451

No author may present more than one contributed paper, although he or she may co-author another paper presented by a different author.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS IS AUGUST 1, 1977**

Persons who wish to participate in the annual meeting, but not to contribute a paper, are invited to inform the Program Chairman of their interest in serving as chair of a contributed paper session or as a discussant. These persons should send their name, address, telephone number, and area(s) of interest to Dr. Serow by August 1.

tary-Treasurer Harry M. Rosenberg of the University of North Carolina. Rosenberg reminds SRDG members that only dues-paying members are eligible to vote in the election.

## **SRDG Occasional Paper Series Announced**

The beginning of a series of occasional papers has been announced by SRDG President Dudley L. Poston of the University of Texas at Austin. He said the series will focus on topics of general interest to SRDG members, and will be developed around papers presented at the annual SRDG meetings. SRDG *Occasional Paper No. 1*, with a foreword by Philip L. Johnson, executive director of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and an introduction by Poston, deals with demographic data needs and issues at the state and local levels. The first occasional

## AN INVITATION TO SRDG MEMBERSHIP

The Southern Regional Demographic Group (SRDG) is an organization of university faculty and other specialists in demography and related fields. It was organized in 1970 under the auspices of Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Members of SRDG are interested in promoting demographic research and training. To be a voting member, one must indicate his interest to the SRDG Secretary-Treasurer with a remittance of annual dues (\$6 for a regular member and \$2 for student members) c/o the Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina, University Square East (300A), Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, Attention: Dr. Harry M. Rosenberg. Members receive the *Newsletter*, discounts on other SRDG publications, as well as notice of the SRDG annual meeting and other related conferences, seminars and workshops.

paper was edited by Harry M. Rosenberg of the University of North Carolina.

The occasional papers will be sold at reduced prices to the SRDG membership. *Occasional Paper No. 1*, however, will be distributed to the membership free-of-charge as a way of introducing the series.

### SRDG Membership Directory and Report on Research

Two forthcoming publications of the Southern Regional Demographic Group were approved by the SRDG Executive Committee in April, at a meeting held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Population Association of America in St. Louis.

The first of the two publications will be the *1977 Directory of SRDG Members*, based on the computer listing of SRDG members as of July 1, 1977. The *Directory* will include a state-by-state index.

The second publication will be a summary of *Demographic Research in the South* based on responses to the questionnaire that appears in each issue of the *SRDG Newsletter* and to a previous special solicitation for this research infor-

mation. The report on *Demographic Research* will be organized by broad research subject headings and indexed by the name of the institution where the research is being done.

Both publications will be distributed to the membership free-of-charge.

### SRDG Member Lingner Dies

The membership of the Southern Regional Demographic Group expresses condolences to the family of Dr. Joan W. Lingner, noted demographer and faculty member of the Department of Biostatistics of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who died recently. Dr. Lingner was well-known for her work in demographic methodology, measurement, and discrimination in fields related to population studies. At the time of her death, Dr. Lingner was on international assignment for the International Program of Laboratories for Population Statistics, a project of the UNC Department of Biostatistics.

### Serow to Become Newsletter Editor

Responsibility for compiling and

editing the *SRDG Newsletter* will be assumed by William J. Serow of the University of Virginia beginning with the September 1977 issue. Harry M. Rosenberg of the University of North Carolina has been editor of the *Newsletter* for the past two years; he is also Secretary-Treasurer of SRDG.

Serow said that he welcomes suggestions about the *Newsletter* format and content, and welcomes contributions and announcements of interest to the SRDG membership.

Dr. Serow is research director of the Population Studies Center, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia.

## PAA News

### Committee on Population Statistics

The Committee on Population Statistics of the Population Association of America (PAA) has announced membership of three subcommittees. SRDG members who belong to PAA are encouraged to contact the conveners or any of the subcommittee members if they wish to make comments.

*Subcommittee on Public Use Samples* is convened by George C. Myers of Duke University (SRDG member), and includes Martin L. Levin of Emory University (SRDG member), Dudley L. Poston, Jr., of the University of Texas at Austin (SRDG member), H. H. Winsborough of the University of Wisconsin, and Paul T. Zisset of the Bureau of the Census (SRDG member).

*Subcommittee on Immigration Statistics* is convened by Charles B. Keeley of Fordham University and includes Monica Boyd of Carleton University, Donald F. Heisel of the Population Council, Lisa Roney of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, William Seltzer of the United Nations Statistical Office, and Robert Warren of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

*Subcommittee on Rural-Urban Definitions* is convened by James J. Zuiches of Michigan State University and includes Calvin L. Beale of the Department of Agriculture (SRDG member), Cornelia B. Flora of Kansas State University (SRDG member), Richard L. Forstall of the Bureau of the Census (SRDG member), Craig R. Humphrey of Pennsylvania State University, and Robert W. Marx of the Bureau of the Census.

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## DUES

In December 1976, the first notice of annual dues was sent to SRDG members by Secretary-Treasurer Rosenberg. The Executive Committee began levying dues as provided for under the amended SRDG By-Laws, after considerable study and deliberation. Guidance was also provided by the results of an SRDG membership survey conducted by George C. Myers and Nancy J. McGirr, both of Duke University. The survey results, which were published in the *SRDG Newsletter* (Jan. 1976), showed that of the more than 250 members responding, 80 percent agreed that SRDG membership should require dues between \$5 and \$10 per year. The Executive Committee established a dues schedule of \$6 for regular members and \$2 for students.

Rosenberg reports that more than 180 members paid dues in response to the first solicitation. Further solicitations, as well as an organized membership campaign, are being planned by the Executive Committee.

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## Suggestions Solicited for 1978 PAA Meeting

The Program Committee for the 1978 PAA annual meeting in Atlanta, April 13-15, is soliciting suggestions. Richard A. Easterlin (Program Chairman), Ann R. Miller, and Etienne van de Walle, who comprise the Program Committee, are asking for suggestions on topics for paper sessions, topics of professional concern that can form the basis for luncheon roundtable discussions, and the names of individuals who wish to organize sessions or roundtables.

The 1978 meeting will be of special significance for SRDG because the PAA Board of Directors at a recent meeting recommended that sessions for the annual meeting be planned cooperatively with SRDG when the PAA meetings are in the Southern region. Accordingly, on behalf of President Poston and the SRDG membership, SRDG Secretary-Treasurer Rosenberg expressed to Easterlin the willingness of SRDG to participate in the 1978 PAA program planning and presentation. SRDG member William J. Serow of the University of Virginia has agreed to act as liaison between SRDG and PAA for planning the 1978 PAA meetings. Serow is Program Chairman for the 1977 SRDG annual meeting.

SRDG members wishing to communicate with PAA about the 1978 program should contact Dr. Richard A. Easterlin, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 3718 Locust Walk CR, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

SRDG-PAA program coordination would be facilitated if you would also send a copy of your letter to the SRDG liaison, Dr. Serow (Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia, P.O.B. 6550, Charlottesville, VA 22906).

## PAA Caucus of Demographers in State and Local Governments

For the second consecutive year, the Caucus of Demographers in State and Local Governments has held a meeting under the auspices of the Population Association of America (PAA). The Caucus was organized in 1976 by Walter P. Hollmann of the California Department of Finance, Harry M. Rosenberg of the University of North Carolina, and Doris P. Slesinger of the University of Wisconsin. According to the organizers, the group was convened to respond to the common interests and needs of demographers who work in the public sector,

particularly at the state and local levels. They note that the most rapidly growing sectors of government service are at the state and local levels, where population statistics and demographic methods are being increasingly used in connection with planning, program administration, and research.

The first meeting of the Caucus was held in conjunction with the 1976 PAA meeting in Montreal. The second meeting, which also coincided with the PAA annual PA meeting in St. Louis, attracted over 60 persons, many from federal and state agencies.

Among the major issues presented and discussed at the 1977 meeting were (1) a proposal for a program of federal matching grants to state governments to improve state demographic and Census data use capabilities, administered by the Bureau of the Census; (2) a proposed nationwide survey of demographic activities and employment opportunities for demographers at the state level, to be sponsored by the Bureau of the Census; (3) implications for population statistics of the *Framework for Planning U.S. Federal Statistics*, a document being prepared by the Statistical Policy Division, Office of Management and Budget; (4) needs for small area population data by local governments and officials, as ascertained from field trips in the State of Wisconsin; and (5) special demographic estimates and projections provided by the State of California Population Research Unit.

Open discussion focused on problems associated with the need for small area population projections in connection with a wide variety of program areas, especially health. Other issues brought to the attention of the Caucus were Congressional authorization of the 1985 mid-decade census; a proposed Census Bureau program of "state data centers"; and availability of graphic aids for small area analysis and display.

Detailed proceedings of the 1977 Caucus are being prepared and will be sent to all attendees. If you wish to receive a copy or be put on the mailing for future communications, write to Harry M. Rosenberg, Carolina Population Center, University Square East (300A), Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

## PAA Membership

The Population Association of America (PAA) is a national, nonprofit,

scientific, professional organization established for the improvement, advancement, and progress of the human race through research, and publication of the results of such research. Dues—which cover subscriptions to *Demography*, *Population Index*, and *PAA Affairs*—are \$25 for regular members, \$8 for student members, and \$250 for organizations. SRDG members who wish to join should write to Population Association of America, Box 14182, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044.

## News Items

### 1980 Census

In the second of a continuing series of public communications on the status of planning for the 1980 Census, the Census Bureau has reported the results of 1980 Census pretests in Texas and New Jersey. Both resulted in lower response rates to the mail-return questionnaires than expected. The Bureau has expressed concern about the low rates of response, since these would have to be followed up, in the actual census, with direct enumeration visits.

A third pretest will soon get underway in Oakland, Cal., using revised field collection techniques focusing on improving the count of minorities.

The Bureau is also beginning to plan tabulations of the 100-percent population and housing counts of the 1980 census and is soliciting recommendations from census data users as to basic tabulations. Relevant items for tabulation design purposes are reflected in the 1970 Census, reports from series PC(1)-B, HC(1)-A, PHC(1), and HC(3). Suggestions should be sent to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. SRDG members are encouraged to send copies of letters to the convenor of the SRDG Committee on the 1980 Census, Jeanne C. Biggar, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 22903.

### Short Courses Offered in Health Statistics Training and in Census Data Use

Short courses in health statistics and in census data use have been announced for the period June–September by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and by the Bureau of the Census.

Most of the NCHS courses are tuition free. Students provide their own transportation, housing, and living expenses. Additional information is available from the Applied Statistics Training Institute, National Center for Health Statistics, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-48, Rockville, Md. 20857 (301-443-4720).

Census user training activities are arranged through the User Training Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233 (301-763-5293).

Course dates, titles, sponsoring agency, and location are listed below:

<b>June</b>			
5	Census	Introductory Workshop on Locating Census Bureau Data in Printed Reports (Special Library Association Conference)	New York, NY
6-10	NCHS	Statistical Methods in Public Health II	Denver, CO
8	Census	Introductory Workshop on Locating Census Bureau Data in Printed Reports (Librarians)	Long Island, NY
7-10	NCHS	Tabular and Graphic Presentation of Data	Chicago, IL
14-16	Census	Course on Census Bureau Geography, Geocoding, and Geographic Base Files	Washington, DC
14-17	NCHS	Introduction to ADP for Health Specialists	Chicago, IL
2C-24	NCHS	Information Methods for Health Planning	Chicago, IL
27-30	NCHS	Concepts and Principles of Medical Classification	Philadelphia, PA
27-30	Census	Intergovernmental Seminar on Accessing Federal Statistical Resources	Washington, DC
<b>July</b>			
18-20	Census	Workshop for Librarians on Economic Statistics Available from the Bureau of the Census	Houston, TX
18-22	NCHS	Information Methods for Health Planning	Boston, MA
25-29	NCHS	Health Manpower and Facilities Resources Statistics	Orlando, FL
28-8/5	NCHS	Research Methods in Evaluation of Health Programs	Buffalo, NY
<b>August</b>			
4	Census	Introductory Workshop on Locating Census Bureau Data in Printed Reports (Librarians)	Philadelphia, PA
1-5	NCHS	Data Quality Control for Health Planning	Syracuse, NY
1-5	NCHS	Information Methods for Health Planning	Seattle, WA
8-12	NCHS	Demographic Analysis I	Pittsburgh, PA
8-12	NCHS	Methods for Estimating Population <i>(continued on next page)</i>	Chicago, IL

## College Instruction in Census Data Use

The Census Bureau has prepared a set of materials to teach college-level students about census data. The materials include a variety of teaching aids for the instructor, a student workbook, audio-visual aids for classroom use, and exercises and case studies for classroom or homework. The goal of the course is to enable students to correctly specify and locate desired census data with due attention to definitions and data limitations. While the available material concentrates on census programs related to population and housing, later materials are planned for information on business and industrial establishments, foreign trade, governmental employment and finance, and other topics.

Additional information on the "Teacher's Guide" is available from the Data Access and Use Staff/CCSP, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233 (301-763-7368).

## Census Data for Public School Planning

The Census Bureau has made available a special tabulation of 1970 demographic characteristics for school districts based on 1974-75 school district boundaries specified by the National Center for Education Statistics. The Fifth Count School District Data can be obtained from the Customer Services Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, at \$80 per computer tape. The data are also available on microfiche from the National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C. 20202.

## Educational Data on Tape

A national longitudinal survey on the experience of the high school class of 1972 is available from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data file includes over 22,000 records with 1,500 characteristics on the students and the schools. Tapes and the user's manual are available for \$282 from NCES, Room 3069, FOB-6, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

NCES has also published the first edition of a directory of educational

data tapes. The tapes include information assembled from 13 federal sources, including data on demographic characteristics, manpower supply and demand, federal outlays for education, and educational characteristics at the primary, secondary, and postsecondary educational levels. Information is available on the tapes for individual states. Copies of the *Directory of Federal Agency Education Tapes* are available for \$3.00 as publication 017-080-01515-3 (GPO).

### Social Security Data as Research Tool

A handbook has been released on research uses of the Social Security Continuous Work History Sample, emphasizing its applications to the study of local area work force and migration characteristics. The 380-page book also describes applications to housing, transportation, manpower development, health, and other areas. Entitled *Regional Work Force Characteristics and Migration Data: A Handbook on the Social Security Continuous Work History Sample and Its Applications*, it is the outcome of a joint project of several federal agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce, and the Social Security Administration.

The handbook shows how the data can be used for analyses at state, regional, and local levels of geographic detail. It is available for \$5.10 (GPO).

### Health Data Resources

Demographic profiles containing about 130 measures of population and housing characteristics for Health Service Areas (HSA's) are now available. HSA's, which range in size from about 500,000 to 3 million persons were established under Public Law 93-641, the National Health Planning and Resources Act of 1974.

A general health data guide designed to serve as a primer on the subject has also been made available. Information on the demographic profiles as well as the *Guide to Data for Health Systems Planners* is available from Helen Thornberry, Division of Planning Methods and Technology, Bureau of Health Planning, Health Resources Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.

15-18	Census	Seminar for Librarians on Accessing Federal Statistical Resources	Washington, DC
16-19	NCHS	Introduction to ADP for Health Specialists	Denver, CO
22-26	NCHS	Uses of Life Tables in Health Sciences	Rochester, NY
22-26	NCHS	Statistical Methods in Programs for Chronic Disease Control	Denver, CO
29-9/2	NCHS	Information Methods for Health Planning	Destin, FL

### September

7-9	NCHS	Microfilm for Vital Records	Tulsa, OK
12-15	Census	Intergovernmental Seminar on Accessing Federal Statistical Resources	Washington, DC
16	Census	Workshop on Uses and Applications of Census Bureau Data to Meet Current Legislative and Administrative Requirements	Washington, DC
20-22	Census	Course of Census Bureau Geography, Geocoding, and Geographic Base Files	Washington, DC
26-30	NCHS	Vital Statistics Records and Their Administration	Boston, MA
26-30	NCHS	Health Program Planning and Evaluation	Atlanta, GA
27-30	NCHS	Biostatistical Software for Health Applications	Philadelphia, PA

### Invitation to Join Federal Statistics Users' Conference

SRDG members are invited to join the Federal Statistics Users' Conference (FSUC), an organization founded in 1953 to improve the quality and the effectiveness of federal statistics through publications, newsletters, and conferences. The work of FSUC is directed toward the interests of demographers, economists, and other social scientists, as well as persons engaged in corporate planning, in government planning and administration, and in university research.

FSUC has been prominent in protecting and promoting the statistical integrity of federal statistical programs through direct advice to major federal agencies, through communication with the community of statistics users, and through informed representation at Congressional hearings. The *FSUC Newsletter* is recognized as a major source of current information on the status of federal statistical activities.

Institutional membership in FSUC is \$225 annually. For nonmembers, the *Newsletter* is available for \$25 per year. Additional information about the Federal Statistics Users' Conference is available from John H. Aiken, Executive Director, FSUC, 1523 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

### Research and Technical Assistance in Family Planning Evaluation from CDC

The Center for Disease Control of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare provides a range of research services and technical assistance related to family planning and fertility, through its Division for Family Planning Evaluation, established in 1968. Its research efforts include surveys of fertility and contraceptive prevalence within the United States and internationally, evaluation of community-based contraceptive distribution programs, analysis of unwanted and unplanned fertility, analyses

of factors affecting regional variations in U.S. fertility, changes in mortality associated with legal abortions in the United States, and mortality associated with different methods of abortion. The resources of the Division include a computerized Information Exchange System, which contains references to a large number of publications on fertility and family planning.

Additional information on the Family Planning Evaluation Division of the Center for Disease Control is available from Dr. Edward A. Brann, %FPED, CDC, USDHEW, Atlanta, Ga. 30333.

### SRDG Member Featured in Population Workshop

In a recent population workshop sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Association of Northeast Texas, SRDG member Everett S. Lee of the University of Georgia and David Birch of the MIT/Harvard Joint Center for Urban Studies reported on research they are conducting on migration and industrial location and their consequences for population distribution.

Lee's work concentrates on a historical overview of migration patterns focusing on U.S. urban centers during the past two centuries. Birch's work examines population redistribution within urban areas. The workshop coordinator, Winfield Best of the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina, indicates that results of the workshop and a related conference on "Population Trends and Implications" will become the basis for a monograph co-authored by Lee and Birch.

### New Directory of Health Statisticians Released

The National Center for Health Statistics has released the 1977 edition of the *Directory of Health Officers, Registrars, Principal Statisticians, and Research Directors, for the United States and Canada. Beginning with the 1977* Directory, the names, organizational location, and telephone numbers of Project Directors and component directors of the Cooperative Health Statistics System are provided in the state listings (VHS).

### Directory of State Demographers

Each state in the South has at least one person in a state agency or in the state university who is a key contact

### New Directory of Census Bureau Data User Contacts Available

The Census Bureau has released a revised list of "Telephone Contacts for Data Users," which identifies the principal organizational divisions of the bureau, key subject matter contacts by name and telephone number, and Census Bureau regional offices. Each regional office now includes a "data user services officer," who can provide general census data use assistance.

In the Southern region, there are three regional offices:

Location	Regional Director	Telephone	Data User Services Officer	Telephone
Atlanta	Thomas W. McWhirter	404-881-2271	Lonnie Conner	404-881-2271
Charlotte	Joseph R. Norwood	704-372-0711 x-351	Lawrence McNutt	704-372-0711 x-351
Dallas	Percy R. Millard	214-749-2814	Valerie McFarland	214-372-0711

The list of "Telephone Contacts for Data Users" is available from Mathilda R. Bowman, User Training Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233 (301-763-5512).

point in that state for demographic information, publications, and for technical assistance in the use of demographic data at the state and local levels of government. Usually these individuals are also the key liaison for the state with the Bureau of the Census through the

Census Bureau's Federal-State Cooperative Program for Local Population Estimates. A directory of state demographers appeared in the *SRDG Newsletter*, Number 24 (June 1976). An updated version of the directory of state demographers is in process.

## The South in the News

### More on the "South's Share"

A new study on the South's share of national expenditures reaches essentially the same conclusions as those of the 1976 report by Jusenius and Ledebur, described in the previous issue of the *SRDG Newsletter*. Writing in the April 1977 *Monthly Review* of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, William D. Toal focuses on federal government outlays in the states that comprise the Federal Reserve Sixth District (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee).

In his analysis, Toal stresses the distinction between discretionary and non-discretionary federal expenditures. He finds that during 1973-76 the Southern states did indeed receive more from the federal treasury than they paid to it with respect to *non-discretionary* payments; this, he notes, is due simply to the lower per capita incomes in the region. However, in terms of those expenditures over which the federal government has discretion, Toal finds that "five of the six Sixth District states receive less than their share of federal spending (based on population)." He notes that only the

U.S. Department of Agriculture spends more on a per capita basis in the district than it does nationally. Toal concludes that the economic development of the states in the district is not due to disproportionately high levels of federal spending there, but rather to "natural forces at work there—the abundance of resources and the growth of regional markets."

### Recent Income Changes for South Slightly Faster Than National Average

The most recent report available on state and regional income shows that the average per capita income for the South increased slightly faster than that of the United States as a whole. The figures compiled by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce show that in the Southeastern states per capita incomes increased by 9.7 percent during 1975-76, compared with 9.1 percent for the United States as a whole. This increase did not have a substantial effect on the *level* of per capita income in the region, which is still the lowest in the United States,

\$5,544 compared with the national average of \$6,441.

(Source: U.S. Department of Commerce *News*, BEA 77-35).

### Marriage Rates Continue to Decline in the South

During the period 1973-75, crude marriage rates declined each year in the South, paralleling the national trend. In the South, the number of marriages per 1,000 population is reported to have dropped from 12.5 to 11.4; for the United States as a whole, from 10.9 to 10.1. In absolute numbers, the number of marriages reported for the region was about 824,000 compared with 2.3 million for the Nation. More refined measures of the marriage rate indicate that the national marriage rate has declined continuously since 1970. And the marriage rate per 1,000 unmarried women, aged 15-44, is now about 20 percent below the level of 20 years ago.

The NCHS report also shows that the average age at first marriage has also increased steadily in recent years, reaching 24.7 years for the groom and 20.8 for the bride in 1975. Ten years ago, the average age at first marriage was a full year younger.

(Source: National Center for Health Statistics, USDHEW, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 26, No. 2, May 9, 1977. A related Census Bureau report is *Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March 1976*, CPR, P-20, No. 306, \$1.40 (GPO)).

### Infant Mortality High In the South

In 1975, the South led the other U.S. regions in infant mortality, according to the most recent final figures available from the National Center for Health Statistics. A total of 8,775 children in the South died in 1975 before reaching their first birthday. Calculated as a rate per 1,000 live births, this is an infant mortality rate of 18.2, compared with 16.1 for the Nation as a whole. Infant mortality is widely regarded as a general indicator of socioeconomic well-being and general health status. The highest state infant mortality rate was recorded in Mississippi, a figure of 22.3 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Mississippi is also the state ranking lowest in per capita income.

The NCHS report also shows the South leading the other regions in cer-

tain major causes of death for the population as a whole, not just children. These include death rates due to accidents as well as those associated with cerebrovascular diseases. In both cases, the rates for the region were well above the national average. The region's rates were lower than the national average for death rates due to diseases of the heart and for malignant neoplasms.

At the national level, mortality

trends have shown improvement. The crude death rate for 1975 of 8.9 deaths per 1,000 population was the lowest ever recorded for the United States; this is true as well for the death rate that takes into account historical changes in the age distribution of the population. (Source: National Center for Health Statistics, USDHEW, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, Vol. 25, No. 11, February 11, 1977.)

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### Higher Education Priorities Set for the South

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) has advanced nine priorities for higher education in the South in a statement released by SREB President Winfred L. Godwin. SREB, which is composed of educators, legislators, and governors of 14 Southern states, was established in 1949 under an interstate compact. The Board aids in the social and economic advancement of the South by assisting states in the region to improve higher education, to provide the widest opportunity possible in higher education, and to provide regional support and utilization of advanced educational programs.

In the report on higher education, SREB states that "an era of rapid growth and expansion has drawn to a close" and notes that "attention must be given the unintended and unanticipated consequences of growth and expansion of the past decade." The report is based on the assumptions that the college-age population will peak at the end of the 1970's and that education is a primary responsibility of the states.

These are the priorities for higher education identified in the report:

- Selective retrenchment in over-expanded fields of graduate and professional education, while improving the representation of women and minorities and maintaining programs of high quality.
- Heightened attention to the relationship of education and the job market.
- More extensive use of nontraditional alternatives for learning at all levels, with one benefit being the attraction of new groups to post-high school education.
- An affirmative redefinition of the purpose, meaning and value of baccalaureate education.
- Application of the talents and resources of postsecondary education by state governments to the major problems facing state agencies.
- Improved faculty productivity and performance by systematic assessment of educational outcomes.
- Improved statewide and institutional planning and decision-making.
- Continued emphasis on providing postsecondary opportunities for minority and ethnic groups and making these efforts an integral part of the planning process.
- Adequate, equitable, and efficient funding of postsecondary education, as well as access for all who can benefit.

A limited supply of the report *Priorities for Postsecondary Education in the South* are available from Bruce Schultz, Southern Regional Education Board, 130 Sixth Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30313, at a cost of \$2.00 per copy.

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## Publications

### International Mobility Patterns

The Census Bureau has released the second of a new series of analytical reports prepared by demographers in the Population Division. The report entitled *The Geographical Mobility of Americans: An International Comparison* was pre-

pared by Larry H. Long and Celia G. Boertlein, both of whom are on the Population Division's staff. A distinguishing feature of this report and the other reports in the series is that they include broad speculative analyses and illustrative hypotheses as an aid in understanding



the statistics and in assessing their potential impact on public policy.

The present report includes comparative mobility statistics for Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Taiwan, and the United States, both unstandardized and standardized for age. Historical trends for recent years are included, as is an extensive list of publications on mobility and migration, a list of data sources on migration, and facsimile copies of Census and Survey questions on residential mobility.

The report is available as CPR, P-23, No. 64 for \$1.05 (GPO).

### **Communications from the Census Bureau**

Periodic reports on Census Bureau programs, activities, and publications are available in the Bureau's report series, *Data User News*. This series includes a supplement on the 1980 Census plans entitled "1980 Census Update," of which two issues have been published. *Data User News* is available from Subscriber Services (Publications), Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, for \$4.00 per year.

### **Reference Manual on Census and Related Survey Data**

The Census Bureau has published the *Reference Manual on Population and Housing Statistics from the 1970 Census*, by Paul T. Zeisset of the Data User Services Division. The *Reference Manual* supplements a number of existing guides to census data use, but with unique features that differentiate it from other guides. These include a number of reference charts, sample maps, sample data tables and illustrations that make it suitable for courses on census data use.

The *Reference Manual* is available from Subscriber Services Section (Publications), Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, for \$2.00.

### **Poverty Statistics**

A recent report of the U.S. Congressional Budget Office analyzes the impact on the Census Bureau's measurement of poverty status when factors such as taxes and in-kind income are taken into account. The report entitled *Poverty Status of Families Under Alternative Definitions of Income* is available for \$1.05 (GPO).

### **The Elderly Population**

A special study, entitled *Demographic Aspects of Aging and the Older*

*Population in the United States* is available as CPR, P-23, No. 59, for \$1.60 (GPO). In addition, geographic information on the elderly population was recently made available in unpublished form. The National Clearinghouse on Aging has released estimates of the population 60 years old and over and 65 years old and over for each county in the United States as of July 1, 1975. The tables also show 1970 census counts for these age groups. Limited copies of these tables with methodological notes can be obtained by writing to the Chief, Data Analysis and Dissemination Division, National Clearinghouse on Aging, AOA/OHD/DHEW, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 (202-245-0768.)

### **Abortions in States and Metropolitan Areas, 1974-75**

The Alan Guttmacher Institute has issued its second national survey of abortion need and services in the United States. The report, prepared by Christopher Tietze, Frederick S. Jaffe, Edward Weinstock, and Joy G. Dryfoos, contains data on the number of abortions performed in each state, by metropolitan-nonmetropolitan area, and by type of provider. It also includes trends in the provision of abortion services since 1973; travel patterns of women who obtain abortions outside their local areas; and estimates of the need for local area abortion services. A technical appendix cites legal issues and identifies state laws on abortion.

According to the president of the Institute, the abortion figures in this report have been quoted as most complete by the *1975 Statistical Abstract of the United States* produced by the Department of Commerce.

Copies of *Abortion 1974-75* are available from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, for \$7.00.

### **Regional Reports From the 1974 Census of Agriculture**

The Census Bureau has begun to issue a series of preliminary reports based on the 1974 Census of Agriculture. The five part series is comprised of a report for each of the four major regions of the United States, as well as a U.S. summary. Copies of the preliminary reports are available from the Subscriber Services Section (Publications), Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, for \$.25 per copy.

### **Review of Public Data Use**

*Review of Public Data Use* is a bi-monthly journal prepared by Data Use and Access Laboratories (DUALabs). Devoted to public data access and use, the journal publishes original articles and current awareness information on social science research and methodology using publicly-available data bases. Articles are addressed to a diverse audience, including planners and researchers in business, government, and the academic community.

*Review of Public Data Use* is available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Subscription Department, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161 for \$60 per year (\$75 foreign). Individual copies are \$15 each. Make checks payable to NTIS. Suggestions and inquiries may be mailed to: Managing Editor, DUALabs, 1601 North Kent Street, Suite 900, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

### **Population Reference Bureau Sourcebook Issued**

The Population Reference Bureau has issued a 76-page sourcebook which contains annotated descriptions of over 1,000 publications programs, and population information sources, according to one of the editors, SRDG member Connie S. Zuga. The other editors are Tine Bussink and Jean van der Tak. Copies of *Sourcebook on Population, 1970-1976* are available from the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., P.O.B. 35012, Washington, D.C. 20013, for \$3.95.

### **State Construction Industry Reports for 1972**

The Census Bureau has released reports from the 1972 Census of Construction Industries that include data for individual states, and states aggregated into the nine Census divisions. *Volume I, Industry and Special Statistics from the 1972 Census of Construction Industries* is available \$10.00 and *Volume II, Areas Statistics* is available for \$12.00 (GPO).

### **State Tax Collections, Fiscal 1976**

The Census Bureau has published a report on 1976 state tax collections. *State Tax Collections in 1976* is available from the Subscriber Services Section (Publications), Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, as publication GF76, No. 1.

## Demographic Research in the South

### QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to have information on demographic research in which you and your colleagues are involved. This information will be carried in future issues of the *Newsletter* as part of SRDG's goal to provide a communications vehicle for exchanging demographic information about the South.

Please describe the research using the following format:

**Key Topics**, e.g. fertility, migration, spatial distribution, education

**Area Focus**, e.g. national, the South, specific state, county, sub-county

**Title**

**Author or Principal Investigator**

**Institution**. Provide detailed address.

**Sources of Support**

**Study Period**. Specify beginning and ending dates of project, or publication date of report.

**Brief Description**. Specific objectives of study, major analytic techniques, specific data sources.

### Publications Key

(VHS) *Vital and Health Statistics* is available from the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

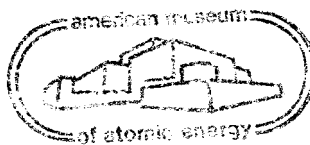
(CPR) *Current Population Reports* available from the Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, as well as from the GPO.

(GPO) Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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