

SRDG NEWSLETTER

The Southern Regional Demographic Group, Inc. is a scientific and educational corporation operating under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is comprised of persons with professional interests in demography and population studies. The Newsletter is compiled and edited by Stanley K. Smith, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida.

ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

The 13th annual meeting of the Southern Regional Demographic Group will be held at the Greensboro Holiday Inn in Greensboro, North Carolina, on October 6-8, 1982. The following program has been arranged by President-Elect Jeanne Biggar:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 - 5:30 P.M.
Reception (Open Bar), 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:45 - 10:15 A.M.

"Health and Mortality: Trends and Differentials"

Chair: Clifford H. Patrick, Social Security Administration

"Trends in Suburbanization and Nonmetropolitanization"

Chair: Joel Smith, Duke University

"Applied Demography Issues"

Chair: Richard L. Forstall, Bureau of the Census

"Demographic Issues and Public Policy"

Chair: Leon Bouvier, Population Reference Bureau

10:30 - 12:00 A.M.

"Occupations and Labor Force Participation"

Chair: Abbott L. Ferriss, Emory University

"Applied Demography"

Chair: Julia H. Martin, University of Virginia

"Economic Modeling"

Chair: Mark Henry, Clemson University

"Demographic Projections and Estimates"

Chair: Forrest Pollard, University of Arkansas

12:15 - 2:15 P.M.

Presidential Luncheon

Presiding: SRDG President Anne S. Lee

Speaker: Jesse L. White, Jr., Executive Director of Southern Growth Policies Board, "Southern Growth Policy: A Regional Perspective"

2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

"The Elderly and Retirement"

Chair: George C. Myers, Duke University

"Recent Fertility Research"

Chair: V. Jeffery Evans, National Institute of Health

"Demographic Methods"

Chair: Krishnan Namboodiri, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Poster Sessions

4:15 - 5:00 P.M.

SRDG Annual Business Meeting

Presiding: Anne S. Lee, Athens, GA.

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Applied Demography Cash Bar: all SRDG members and guests are invited.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 A.M.

Southern Running Demographers Gathering

Pacemaker: Dudley Poston, University of Texas - Austin

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

"Demography of Families and Households"

Chair: Martin Levin, Emory University

"Residential Mobility and Migration"

Chair: Gladys Bowles, Bowles Demographic Research

"Demography of Race and Ethnicity"

Chair: John Reid, Howard University

10:15 - 11:45 A.M.

Plenary Symposium: "Public Policy and Demographic Data and Research in the 80's"

Chair: Jeanne C. Biggar, University of Virginia

Participants: Larry Long, Bureau of the Census; Dudley L. Poston, University of Texas - Austin; Ronald R. Rindfuss, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill; Conrad Taeuber, Georgetown University.

12:00 - 1:45 P.M.

Luncheon Roundtable Discussions:

"Microcomputers"

Leader: Edward Rutledge, University of Alabama and Richard Engels, Bureau of the Census

"Differentials in Economic Segmentation: Regional, Racial, Sex"

Leader: Patsy Taylor, University of Virginia

"New Funding Policies for Family Planning"

Leader: Carl Harter, James Madison University

"Demography of Women"

Leader: Ellen Bryant, Mississippi State University

"Infant Mortality: Recent Research"

Leader: Ken Shin and Woody Carlson, University of South Carolina

2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

"Demography Abroad"

Chair: Charles Nam, Florida State University

"Demography of Homicide"

Chair: Ben Z. Locke, National Institute of Mental Health

"Gentrification: Fact or Fiction?"

Chair: Barry Lee, Vanderbilt University

CONFERENCE ON SAMPLE DATA

A day-long conference will be held November 10, 1982, in Madison, Wisconsin on the use of 1980 Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files. Sponsored by the Applied Population Laboratory, the conference will focus on the capability and use of PUMS files for planning, market research and applied demographic research. Paul Zeisset from the User Services Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census and several faculty members from the University of Wisconsin will discuss the contents of the files, the geographic units for which data are available, technical aspects of accessing and tabulating data and the potential uses of the files for planning and research. Participants will also be instructed on methods of obtaining and preparing data for specific populations. For further information contact Nancy Kanaskie, Applied Population Laboratory, 1450 Linden Drive, Room 316, Madison, WI, 53706, telephone (608) 262-3097.

FLORIDA POPULATION CHANGE

"The Changing Patterns of Florida's Population: 1950-1970" by T. Stanton Dietrich of Florida State University describes the age, race and sex structure of the Florida population in 1950, 1960 and 1970, for counties and regional planning districts. Free copies may be ordered from: Dr. Charles M. Grigg, Director, Institute for Social Research, 654 Bellamy Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

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DISCUSSION GROUP

The Demographic Discussion Group at the University of Georgia is sponsored by the Department of Sociology and holds monthly meetings during the academic year. Davor Jedlicka was the organizer in 1981-1982 when discussions included: Stewart Tolnay on nineteenth century American fertility; Jerome Legge on abortion policy in Eastern Europe; Abbott Ferriss on the consequences of changing status of women for female mortality; Everett Lee on "Is the War Good for Blacks?"; Ernest Melvin and Howard Schretter on the use of demographic research in community development research; Pat Horan on conceptual issues and data resources in the study of social and economic stratification; and Anne Lee on measures of community stability. Anne Lee will be the organizer during the 1982-1983 academic year. Meetings are open to all interested persons. For more information contact Anne Lee at (404) 543-9726.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association will be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston on March 16-19, 1983. A number of sessions may be of interest to demographers. Three sessions are being planned on occupations and professions: Work, Leisure and Well-being; Participatory Management; and Segmentation of Firms and Labor. For further information on these sessions contact Paula England, Department of Sociology and Political Economy, University of Texas at Dallas, Box 688, Richardson, TX 75080. Three sessions are being planned on the labor force: Race and Sex Discrimination; Structural Approaches; and Feminist Perspectives. For further information on these sessions contact Alice A. Kemp, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. The deadline for the call for papers is October 15, 1982. Other suggestions and inquiries regarding the conference may be directed to Dudley L. Poston, Jr., Population Research Center, University of Texas-Austin, Austin, TX 78712.

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Oklahoma State Demographer. The Oklahoma Department of Economic and Community Affairs is seeking applications for the position of demographer with the Oklahoma State Data Center. Responsibilities include making and evaluating population estimates and projections; conducting statistical analyses of research data from original and secondary sources; providing technical assistance to data users; and disseminating census and other statistical data. Requirements include graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master's degree in demography or sociology. Knowledge of statistics and computer programming is desired. Salary starts at \$21,867. Send resume by October 1, 1982 to: Harley Lingerfelt, State Data Center Director, 4545 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 285, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

University of Georgia. The Department of Sociology at the University of Georgia seeks applications for one (possibly two) nine-month, tenure-track appointments in demography beginning in Fall, 1983. The appointments will be at either the Assistant or Associate Professor level, depending on qualifications and experience. Specialties within demography are open, but preference will be given to mortality/morbidity and human ecology. A population policy orientation is desirable. Requirements include a Ph.D. in Sociology and evidence of, or demonstrated potential for, a strong record of research and publications in quality sociological and demographic journals. Candidates will contribute to undergraduate and graduate instructional programs. Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest, curriculum vita, names and addresses of five references, and a brief description of research and writing plans. These materials should be sent by January 15, 1983 to: Dr. Terence Thornberry, Chairman of the Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

University of Texas at Austin. The Population Research Center offers postdoctoral fellowships in social demography, beginning in January, July or September 1983. Duration of fellowship is usually 12 months, but is subject to negotiation. Fellows are expected to carry out research; audit the demography training seminar and other advanced courses and seminars; and participate in a weekly research colloquium. Postdoctoral fellows receive a monthly tax-free stipend of \$1,115 or more, depending on experience. They also receive office space, access to computer and data files, computer programming consultation, manuscript typing and routine supplies. Fellows must be U.S. citizens. Inquiries may be made to Dr. Dudley Poston, Jr., Director, or Dr. Teresa Sullivan, Training Director, Population Research Center, Main Building 1800, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712, telephone (512) 471-5514.

PERSONAL NOTES

Davor Jedlicka, formerly Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Georgia, has accepted a position as Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Jack Marcum, formerly Assistant Professor of Sociology at Southern Illinois University, has accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Iowa.

Bud Wurdock, formerly Assistant Director of the Population Research Unit of the Urban Studies Center at the University of Louisville, has accepted a position as Data Manager, New Hospital Development, Humana Incorporation, Louisville, Kentucky.

1980 AGE-RACE-SEX DATA

Interest from within the Census Bureau and from state agencies making population estimates and projections has prompted the Census Bureau to develop special cross tabulations of population for counties by age, race and sex from the full 100 percent file of the 1980 census. The data show single years of age to age 85 and over, two categories for sex (male and female), six classifications for race (White, Black, American Indian, Asian Indian, other specified races and other unspecified races) and two categories for Spanish origin (Spanish and non-Spanish). The same tabulations have also been made for the group quarters population, except that age is aggregated into five-year groupings and the Asian Indian category is excluded. The tabulations have been produced and are now undergoing final documentation. Upon completion the data will be released by the Data User Services Division on a cost-reimbursable basis. There are currently no plans to advertise these tabulations extensively or make routine distribution to state or local agencies unless the data are explicitly requested.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SSRC

The third annual meeting of the Southern Stratification Research Conference will be held on January 16-18, 1983, in New Orleans. For program information contact Tom Lyson, Department of Rural Sociology, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29631, telephone (803) 656-3374.

MICROCOMPUTER USER GROUP

A group has been formed in Washington, D.C. to focus on the use of microcomputers. For more information contact Cary Davis, Population Reference Bureau, 1337 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (202) 785-4664.

COMMENTARY

The difficult budgets, program and staff reductions, and cutbacks in outside funding during the last year have had an effect upon several of the operations at the Census Bureau with which you may have had contact. Many of the reductions that have occurred should have been expected as a normal shift back to lower levels after the increases that were necessary in order to plan for and conduct the 1980 census. The cutbacks were especially difficult, however, since they occurred at a time when the administration also was attempting to hold federal spending in general to a minimum.

Fortunately many of the problems with providing 1980 census products have been reconciled. When the budget situation looked the worst, the publication program and data products were scaled back a great deal. For example, the block reports (PHC80-1), the census tract reports (PHC80-2), the Detailed Characteristics reports for states (PC80-1-D), and the Metropolitan Housing Characteristics reports (HC80-1-C) were rescheduled to be released on microfiche rather than being published in print. As funding shifts occurred, and as the budget picture improved, all of these series except the block reports were later reinstated for publication as printed reports, and plans to drop the digitized coordinates from the Master Area Reference File were reversed. Progress also is being made on the release of detailed census data for small areas, with most of the information available in published or tape form by the end of the year.

There have been effects felt in some of the other familiar Bureau programs. For example, the Bureau's attempts to conduct the Survey of

Income and Program Participation without the help of other federal agencies have not yet been successful. Census related activities and difficulties in obtaining earlier levels of staffing also have caused some delays in developing population estimates for 1981 and in completing projections based upon the 1980 census. Work on modeling economic-demographic ties in migration has been eliminated, except for what time the staff can spare from other projects. The estimates of 1970-80 net migration for counties by age, race, and sex (produced in earlier decades by Bowles, Lee, and others) have been deferred until later this year. A general shortage of computer programming and auxiliary staff is affecting a wide variety of ongoing Bureau programs and is felt in nearly all projects in the Population Division.

Nonetheless the outlook in most of the Bureau is positive. Although the budget picture for the rest of 1982 and for 1983 is still unclear, there is a sense of conviction on the part of the staff to make some progress on the work that needs to be done. There is some easing of travel and participation in professional meetings, and outside support has been found for some surveys and special projects.

Even though few of us are looking forward to the uncertainties that the 1983 budget might bring, and a great deal of retrenching has been done on most projects, it appears likely that by the time of the next Newsletter we will be able to report significant progress.

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