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Current Research

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Bureau of Social Science Research
Washington, D.C.
(1990 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036)

Planning for Retirement: The Employer's Perspective. BSSR has been awarded a grant from the Pew Memorial Trust to support this study of preretirement planning by the nation's employers. The study will entail a survey of companies and will organize data on preretirement programs, technical assistance, and services. Project directors: Charles S. Harris and Joanne Frankel.

Capstone Poll
University of Alabama

(Dr. E. B. Johnson, University of Alabama, University, AL 35486)

Completed project:

Alabamians' Perceptions of the Role of Government. This study was completed in the summer of 1982 under funding from a Research Stimulation Award, University of Alabama. One purpose was to ascertain whom (national, state, or local government or people and organizations outside the government) Alabama citizens would like to have assume the major responsibility for providing services such as helping the poor, helping pay for medical care, protecting civil rights of minorities, providing elementary and secondary education, and providing income for those who are retired. A second purpose was to establish a panel of Alabama citizens who are willing to be interviewed over time concerning various national and state issues. The study involved telephone interviews with a sample of 2,207 adult citizens in the state. A subset of the respondents was used in a panel study examining the 1982 gubernatorial election.

Study director: Patrick Cotter.

Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation Studies
Texas Christian University

(P.O. Box 32874, Fort Worth, TX 76129)

Survey of Community, Staff and Students' Attitudes toward the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District. The purpose of this survey for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford (Texas) Independent School District, scheduled for completion in June 1983, is to identify attitudes and perceptions of citizens, staff, and students in the district; problems and issues facing the district; personnel and curriculum eval-
The study involves telephone interviews with 500 community residents and group-administered questionnaires for 300 juniors and seniors and 300 faculty staff.

Principal investigator: Karen Harlow.

Counselor Evaluation for Fort Worth Independent School District. This evaluation of the school counselor program in the Fort Worth Independent School District, to be completed in June 1983, seeks to obtain information for changing the program. In order to ascertain their perceptions of counselor's job activities, self-administered questionnaires are being administered to all Central Administrators, counselors, and principals in the district and to at least 250-300 students. In addition, telephone interviews are being conducted with a 250-300 minimum each of parents and elementary school teachers.

Co-principal investigators: Patrick Miller and John Arna; project director: Kathryn J. Delan.

Center for Survey Research
University of Massachusetts/Boston and Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard

(100 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116)

Freshman Experiences and Persistence at the University of Massachusetts/Boston. This survey for the UMass/Boston seeks to determine how students who enrolled as freshmen in September 1982 perceive the freshman experience and the ways in which university student services both facilitated and impeded their adjustment. Comparisons are being made in the experiences and perceptions of those who dropped out during or after the first semester and of those who re-enrolled to explore what aspects of the freshman experience might be improved through changes in university services. Telephone interviews were conducted in March 1983 in the Boston metropolitan area with 300 freshmen who re-enrolled and with 100 who dropped out. Approximately 10-15 personal semi-structured interviews were also conducted.

Study directors: Mary Ellen Colton and Karen Seashore Louis.

Health Study to Assess the Effects of Area-wide Chemical Exposure near the Silvexim Chemical Corporation, Lowell, Massachusetts. This study, sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through a subcontract with Boston University's School of Public Health, seeks to assess disease and illness frequencies in the area of a toxic dump site in Lowell and compare these with a control area to determine possible effects of exposure. The study uses both telephone and face-to-face interviews and involves approximately 2,000 adults (14+) from 1,200 households in the area, with all households (approximately 600) within 1/4 mile of the dump site as the target population and every fourth household 1/4 to 1/2 miles from the dump site (approximately 600) as the control.

Principal investigator: David Ozenoff (BU); study director: Mary Ellen Colton (CSR).

Centre de Sondage
Université de Montréal

(5858 Côte des Neiges s., 600, Montreal, Quebec H3S 2S1 Canada)

Completed projects:

Redistribution of Economic Resources and Family Tasks between University Student Couples. This survey, completed in January 1983 for Rachel Houle, Economics Department, University of Montreal, sought to evaluate the effects of the pursuit of university studies by at least one spouse on the redistribution of the household's economic resources and family tasks. After telephone screening of 5,790 students at the University of Montreal, the University of Quebec in Montreal, and the University of Laval (québec), questionnaires were mailed to 1,191 persons who were married or in joint union for at least two years with the same person and where at least one of them was taking six or more credits in the fall 1982 session. Completed questionnaires were returned by 741, for a 62% response rate.

Principal investigator: Denise Granger.

Study of Employment and Unemployment Patterns in Metropolitan Montreal for the 18-24. This survey, conducted for Daniel Boothby, Industrial Relations Department, University of Montreal, and completed in December 1982, involved persons 18-24 years old who had finished their full-time studies before October 1980 and had experienced unemployment and/ or employment during the past two years. The purpose was to learn about their experiences in entering the work market and their employment and unemployment history. From a total of 11,000 households called in the Montreal metropolitan area, telephone interviews were conducted with 790 of the 1,049 eligible persons (384 unemployed and 406 employed), for a 75% response rate.

Principal investigator: Denise Granger.
Division of Government Research
University of New Mexico
(Institute for Applied Research Services, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131)

Completed projects:

Albuquerque Motorcycle Rider Course (MRC) Impact Evaluation. This survey-based evaluation, funded by the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau, measured the impact of the Albuquerque MRC by analyzing data obtained from a questionnaire and state records for 675 licensed motorcyclists. The skills and knowledge of MRC participants were compared with those of a group of newly licensed motorcyclists, with both groups having three months of riding experience.

Project leader: Brian Woods.

New Mexico Motorcycle Rider Course Pilot Survey Evaluation. Funded by the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau, this feasibility study of a survey-based evaluation investigated the impact of the MRC and the problems likely to be encountered in a full study. Questionnaires were mailed to a stratified random sample of 100 motorcyclists from the MRC and 100 motorcyclists in Bernalillo County. Areas of study included skills, knowledge, and citations in relation to MRC.

Project team: Brian Woods, James W. Davis, Keith Smith, and Lyle McDaniel.

Division of Sociomedical Sciences
Columbia University School of Public Health
(600 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032)

Changing Drug Abuse Patterns and Treatment Needs. Scheduled for completion in August 1983 under funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, this is the third wave of a study of drug abuse, treatment experiences, and health in a homogenous urban non-Hispanic black sample (males and females) in New York City. The 500 panel members were interviewed initially in 1968-70 when they were adolescents (aged 12-17) and again in 1975-76 when they were 18-23. In the third wave in 1983, they will be aged 26-31. Data from the personal interviews will be used to analyze the trajectories of drug use and treatment entry and exit, including influences on the decision points in the trajectories. The study also focuses on continuity and change in general health problems and health care utilization behavior.

Principal investigator and director: Ann F. Brunwick.

Institute for Governmental Service
University of Maryland
(21018 Woods Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742)

Completed project:

Survey of Attitudes of Parents Regarding Child Safety in Automobiles (KISS—Kids in Safety Seats). This survey, completed in February 1983 for the Health Education Center, State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, sought to determine the attitudes of parents regarding the safety of children in autos and the use of restraints on children in autos. From 5,000 numbers, telephone interviews were completed with 400 parents of children five years of age or under. The survey replicated one conducted 18 months prior.

Study director: Patricia S. Florestano.

Institute for Policy Research
University of Cincinnati
(Location 132, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221)

The Special Service Needs of the Tourette Syndrome Patients. Scheduled for completion June 1, 1983, this study for the Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc., seeks to determine the sociodemographic characteristics of the Tourette population in Ohio, to determine the service needs and service barriers experienced by Tourette patients, and to identify ways to improve the quality of services provided by the community mental health system. The study involves questionnaires mailed to 550 Tourette patients in Ohio known to the Tourette Syndrome Association.

Principal investigator: Mary Stefi.

Completed project:

Ohio Citizen Attitudes toward Crime and Criminal Justice, 1982. This study, completed in May 1982 for the Statistical Analysis Center, Ohio Office of Economic and Community Development, assessed the attitudes of Ohio residents on a number of criminal and criminal justice topics, including their fear of crime, their knowledge of crime rates, their sources of information about the criminal justice system, handguns ownership, and the role of police officers. Telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 1,018 Ohio residents aged 18 or over, with a 74% response rate.

Project director: Robert Oldendick.

Butler County Health Risk Relevance Survey. Completed in October 1982, this study from the Middlesex (Ohio) Health Department examined people's attitudes and behaviors on a number of health-risk related factors such as hours of sleep, smoking, drinking, diet, and exercise. Data were also collected on certain aspects of the respondents' medical history, such as how often they visit the doctor and whether they had ever experienced health problems such as stroke, diabetes, or arthritis. Telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 616 residents of Butler County, Ohio, for an 82% response rate.

Project director: Robert Oldendick.

Needs Assessment Survey of Senior Citizens in Northern Kentucky. This survey for the Northern Kentucky Area Development District sought to determine the needs of the elderly for support services such as transportation, health care, nutrition, housing, and recreation. In the study, completed in November 1982, random-digit-dialed telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 613 residents, aged 60 or older, living in the eight counties comprising the planning region for the District, with a 77% response rate. Data from the 1980 U.S. Census were also analyzed.

Principal investigator: George Bishop.
Queen City Metro: Public Financing Survey. Completed in December 1982 for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, this survey investigated reactions of registered voters to alternative methods of funding Queen City Metro, the Cincinnati area bus company. Telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 625 registered voters in Hamilton County (Ohio), with an 80+2% response rate. Project directors: Alfred J. Tuchfarber and R. Eric Weise.

Institute for Social Research University of Michigan (P.O. Box 1226, Ann Arbor, MI 48106)

1988 Survey of Consumer Finances. This study is concerned with collecting information on all debt and asset holdings from a cross-section sample of approximately 4,000 families nationwide. Because of recent changes in banking regulations, of interest are how consumers shop for credit, how they get information on interest rates, investment opportunities, IRAs, Keoghs, etc. A special focus is pensions and pension rights and the economic implications of retirement benefits. The study is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of the Treasury, and several other governmental agencies and involves personal interviews with the family member most knowledgeable about the family's finances.
Principal investigator: Richard Curtin; study manager: Tracy Norkman.

Unemployment Survey. This study for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks to assess the impact of unemployment and underemployment on health status, health care utilization, and health insurance coverage. Telephone interviews will be completed in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties in Michigan with 1,500 households containing at least one unemployed or underemployed individual.
Principal investigator: Sylvester Berk (School of Public Health); study manager: Nancy Gehler (SRC).

Peer Influence Project. Sponsored by NIMH and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, this longitudinal study seeks to determine how residential peer groups aid or hinder the rehabilitation of male juvenile offenders in Michigan's four largest schools for delinquents. Over a two-year period, the youths will be interviewed four times: on arrival at the institution, four months after entry, at time of release, and six months after release. In addition, their interactions in groups will be observed, and institution staff members will complete questionnaires. The project is scheduled for completion after the fall of 1984.
Project directors: Martin Gold, Theodore M. Nemcov, and Wayne Osgood.

Institute for Social Science Research University of California at Los Angeles (405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

Epidemiology of Depression Help-Seeking Behavior. This NIMH-funded study seeks to assess the long-term antecedents and consequences of depression in the general population. In the present two-year phase, to be completed in August 1984, reinterviews by telephone are being conducted with 1,000 respondents to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Survey (LAMAS).
Principal investigator: Ralph Frerichs; project coordinator: Carol Aneshensel.

Institute for Survey Research Temple University (1601 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122)

Grandparent Study. This study for Andrew Cherlin, Johns Hopkins University, and Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr., University of Pennsylvania, funded by the National Institute on Aging, is an extension of a project started in 1976 with a national survey of children aged 7-11 and one of their parents (usually the mother). In 1981, ISR reinterviewed all of the children whose parents had experienced marital disruption by the time of the original interview, as well as a subsample of those in stably married families. One parent was also interviewed and asked to provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the various grandparents. Telephone interviews are being conducted nationwide with 622 of these grandparents to find out what role they play in their grandchildren's lives and vice versa and how the general changes in families in recent years, such as the rise in divorce, have affected older people's family relations. Also being investigated are the differences, if any, between being a natural and a stepgrandparent.
Study director: Ellen Specter.

Reproductive Behavior and Fertility Regulation among 20-29 Year Old Unmarried Women in the United States. The purpose of this study, conducted under an NICHD grant, is to examine factors associated with the premarital fertility behavior and contraceptive practices of unmarried women, using a complete life history approach. The survey, scheduled for completion in September 1983, also focuses on partners and relationships. Personal interviews are being conducted nationwide with 1,200 women in the target population (1,000 in households and 200 in a college sample).
Principal investigator: Koray Tanfer.

Survey of International Programs. This survey for NSF is part of a larger project involving a systematic evaluation of the programs of international cooperation in science and technology administered by NSF, International Programs (INT). For each program, ISR is surveying the program participants, hosts to foreign participants, and members of non-INT programs as a control group. The questionnaire focuses on the scientific benefits realized from the INT programs; the value of scientific collaboration and the results, problems, or weaknesses in individual programs; and views of the participants regarding the scope and direction of the current and future INT programs. In the first data collection, questionnaires were mailed worldwide to over 2,000 U.S. scientists involved in international research, with an 83% response rate. A second effort, begun in March 1983, will incorporate 600 additional eligibles, for a total of 2,600.
Study director: Koray Tanfer; co-study director: Lee Robeson.
Completed projects:

National Survey of Children—Wave 2, School Study. In this segment of a larger survey, completed in March 1982 for Nicholas Zill and James L. Peterson, Child Trends, Inc., and Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr., University of Pennsylvania, and funded by the Foundation for Child Development, mail questionnaires were sent to the main teachers of 1,366 children aged 12-16 in 641 schools nationwide. Questionnaires were returned for 83% of the children. Permission to collect data from schools about their children's school performance and behavior and the overall classroom environment was obtained from the parents of the children at the time of the 1981 re-interview of the children and parents. The school data, combined with the main survey, will make possible the study of those factors in children's homes, schools, and neighborhoods that contribute to stability or change in children's social, emotional, and intellectual development. Study director: Ellin Spector.

Youth Follow-up Survey. The purpose of this study for the U.S. Department of Labor was to examine the effects of pre-employment training on out-of-school, economically disadvantaged youth. The specific objectives were to assess the impact of youth on these programs, measure their cost effectiveness, and determine the postprogram experiences of the program participants. This survey, completed in July 1982, was the third wave of interviewing following program termination. From an initial sample of 583 participants in Atlanta, Boston, Richmond, San Antonio, and Tulsa, 493 were interviewed (mainly face-to-face) in this wave. A matching control group, which was also interviewed at similar intervals, began with 487, of whom 424 were interviewed in this wave. Study director: Moray Tanfer.

Institute of Social Research
Indiana University

(983 Indianapolis Area Project. As part of a survey methods training course, students, with the help of the IAP staff, are conducting a survey of people's attitudes toward issues of domestic legislative concern: gun control, abortion, nuclear freeze, drunk driving control, sex education, and birth control for teenagers. The substantive purpose of the 1983 IAP is to obtain a better understanding of the one-issue voter by examining, for each issue, the direction of opinion, the intensity of that position, the salience of the issue to the respondent, political action of the issue, and whether people who take certain sides on an issue are one-issue voters. The IAP involves telephone interviews with 300 households in Indianapolis. Principal investigator: Alan J. Lizotte; study director: Suzanne Lincoln.

Indianapolis Public Schools Study. The Indiana Poll has subcontracted to do the telephone survey portion of a study for the Indianapolis Public Schools on attitudes toward the schools. The telephone interviews will assess the needs, attitudes, and perceptions of a sample of 1,000 parents and 300 nonparent residents in the school district. In addition, the Bureau of Evaluative Studies and Testing at IU will conduct focus groups and student and staff questionnaire administration. Study director: Clinton Chase; telephone field director: Kathryn Cirkensa.

Completed projects:

Indiana Poll. The first biannual Indiana Poll, completed in February 1983, focused on public policy issues at the statewide level. Major topics were reaction to recent income and sales tax hikes and spending priorities. Other areas covered were quality of life, the current economic crisis, and Indiana's auto license branch system. Telephone interviews were conducted with a Waksberg sample of 816 adult (18+) Indiana residents, with a response rate of about 70%. Director: David Knoke.

Will Substitute Study. Completed in April 1983, this study for the Indiana University Law School, with funding from the American Bar Foundation, sought to assess people's knowledge of estate planning, especially will substitutes, and to identify their arrangements for passing on their property. Telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 240 adult residents in two Indiana towns, Kokomo and Anderson. Principal investigator: Michael D. Carrico; field director: Kathryn Cirkensa.

National Opinion Research Center
University of Chicago

(6030 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637)

Adolescent Family Life: A Longitudinal Study of Young Mothers Receiving AFDC in Illinois. This study for the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs, U.S. Public Health Service, builds on the Adolescent Parent Outreach Survey (see below) by following a sample of 423 adolescent mothers residing in Cook County (Illinois) for two years. The focus is in the relationship between the use and availability of social supports and the adolescent parents' ability to achieve self-sufficiency. Public, private, and family supports used by the young mothers in the areas of education, employment, health and child care, and family planning are being studied. The study, scheduled for completion in October 1984, involves a subset of a statewide sample from the earlier NOPC study, with personal interviews with adolescent mothers and telephone interviews with mothers who have gone off AFDC. Principal investigator: Harold Richman; co-principal investigator: Mark Tehta.

General Social Survey. NSF has funded the General Social Survey for an additional five years, through 1987, thus extending the time series started in 1972 and permitting an expansion of cross-national research, methodological experiments on survey design, and other topical supplements. In addition to the questions slated to be included this year, the 1983 version contains questions sponsored by Andrew N. Greeley on various aspects of religious beliefs and behavior; most of these questions are repeats of questions asked in previous NOPC studies. The 1983 data set, to be available in July, includes the Greeley data as well as the black GSS data and data on the military collected in the 1982
survey (see Survey Research, vol. 13, no. 2, Spring 1981, and vol. 14, nos. 3-4, Summer-Fall 1982).
Study directors: James A. Davis (Harvard University) and Tom W. Smith (NORC).

Completed projects:

Surveys of the Effects of Rainstorms on Multi-Dwelling Units in Chicago. The purpose of this project, completed in December 1982 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was to investigate the effects of major rainstorms on multi-unit dwelling units in selected drainage areas of the Chicagoland Underflow Plan study area. NORC designed questionnaires, drew samples in 16 such areas, and conducted telephone interviews in 300 multi-dwelling units in each of two drainage areas after major rainstorms.
Project director: Jean Atkinson.

Adolescent Parent Outreach Survey. Completed in April 1983 and sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Aid, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Joyce Foundation, this study sought to improve understanding of the health and well-being of adolescent mothers and their children, their family circumstances, and the mothers' prospects for education and employment. Using an NORC-designed questionnaire, personal interviews were conducted from November 1981 to March 1982 by Public Aid caseworkers with 1,909 young mothers, under age 18 and receiving AFDC, in urban and rural areas throughout Illinois, with a 79% response rate. NORC trained the interviewers and analyzed the data.
Principal investigator: Mark Testa.

Methodological research:

Evaluation of Data Collection Methods for a Proposed Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey. Conducted for the National Center for Health Statistics and scheduled for completion in January 1984, this is a two-phase study, with Phase One being the development of data collection methods and a study design to obtain hospital outpatient ambulatory patient visit information, including emergency care, and Phase Two being the implementation of the design on a sample of hospitals and a report of the results. Two data collection methods will be used: (1) the method used in the physician office-based National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS), in which visits are recorded as they occur, and (2) a method in which visits are sampled and data about the visit are recorded after the visit occurs. Data will be collected by hospital personnel on about 10,000 patient visits in about 50 hospitals in four SMSAs: Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C.
NORC project officer: John Loft; NCHS project officer: James Delozier.

Policy Sciences Program
Florida State University

(Bellamy Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306)

Completed projects:

Today in the Legislature Study. This study, completed in March 1982 for Florida International University and the Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems, Florida Atlantic University and FIU, sought to ascertain public television viewing habits and program preferences in general and specifically the frequency of viewing Today in the Legislature, a program covering the legislative session. Additional questions concerned agricultural issues facing Florida. Telephone interviews were conducted in nine Florida counties with a random sample of 1,269 adults (18+), for a 70% response rate.
Study directors: David J. Le Roy and Joan Goss (FIU and FAU); study coordinator: Annemieke R. Oppenheim (FSP).

Florida Statewide Transit Assessment and Impact Analytic Survey. Completed in October 1982, this study for the Florida Department of Transportation was designed to ascertain public opinion of transit service funding, use of public transit systems, and demographic variables in three Florida counties. Telephone interviews were conducted with a random sample of 1,232 adults (18+) in those counties, with a 76% response rate.
Study director: Ramon Alvarez (Schlimp & Corradine Associates, Coral Gables, Florida); study coordinator: Annemieke R. Oppenheim (FSP).

The 1988 Florida Tax Survey. This survey examined Floridians' attitudes concerning existing government financing of services provided by local or state government through tax revenues and preferred financing alternatives for these services. Other variables included evaluation of taxes, satisfaction with local and state government services, trust and waste in government, identifying major sources of revenues, estimates of taxes paid, and satisfaction and evaluation of government services compared with the private sector. Telephone interviews were conducted statewide in October 1982 with a two-stage (Waksberg) sample of 1,005 adults, with a 66% completion rate.

The 1988 Florida Annual Policy Study. This statewide survey was the fifth in a series designed to measure opinion over time. RDD telephone interviews were conducted in January-February 1983 with 923 adults in Florida, with a 69% response rate. The study ascertained Floridians' opinions on policy and political issues facing the state: crime and court-related issues; the most important Florida problem; priorities for state spending; contemporary policy issues such as raising the legal drinking age, adopting a state-run lottery, and state financing of elections; tax policy issues and evaluations; and evaluation of government services, institutions, and leaders.
Study director: Paul Allen Beck; study coordinator: Annemieke R. Oppenheim.

Methodological research:

Modifying the Troldahl-Carter Selection Key and Examined Response Rates—An Experiment. In this experimental study designed to evaluate refusal rates based on the Troldahl-Carter selection key, two versions of the key were used in a two-stage RDD telephone survey: one asking how many miles were living in the household and the other asking for the number of females in the household. Analysis is based on comparison with a previous study.
Research Triangle Institute
North Carolina

(P.O. Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709)

Epidemiological Study of Inmate Mental Health. The aim of this study for NIMH on the mental health status of prison inmates is to shed light on (1) the prevalence of mental health problems among persons as they enter prison, (2) the impact of mental health on a prisoner's stay in prison, and (3) how inmate mental health status changes over a period of incarceration. Using the Diagnostic Interview Schedule, the mental health status of a cohort of 1,000 convicted felons (18+) in North Carolina will be assessed upon entry into prison and at later intervals. Extensive demographic and personal history data will also be collected in personal interviews and related to the mental health measurements.

Principal Investigators: James J. Collins, Jr., and William E. Schlenker; field director: Donald A. King.

Medicaid Data as a Source for Postmarketing Surveillance Information. The primary objective of this study for the National Center for Drugs and Biologies, FDA, is to determine whether Medicaid data currently being obtained from Michigan and Minnesota are of sufficient quality to support their routine use in decisions by FDA. A second objective is to establish procedures and criteria to facilitate future data validation efforts involving the Medicaid Management Information System. The two phases of the study, to be completed in December 1983, correspond to these two objectives. Phase I involves record validation by reabstraction of approximately 3,500 records from 21 hospitals, 79 physicians, and 185 pharmacies in the Detroit and Minneapolis-St. Paul SMSAs.

Project director: Benjamin Harris.

National Longitudinal Study of the High School Class of 1972 (NLS). Four follow-ups in this continuing project, primarily funded by the National Center for Education Statistics, have been conducted, the most recent having been completed in June 1981. In May 1984, a newsletter covering the results of that follow-up and requesting a corrected or updated address will be sent to all active sample members. Any undeliverable newsletter will be traced in order to update the project address file in preparation for any future follow-ups.

Project director: Graham Burkheimer; field director: Donald A. King.

Completed projects:

Daytop Village Follow-up Survey. Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and completed in April 1983, this study for Daytop Village, Inc., which provides drug abuse treatment services to clients through the therapeutic community treatment process, was designed to provide data on former Daytop Village clients who had participated in a special educational enhancement program, the Daytop Miniversity Project, at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Two groups were located and interviewed in person: 80 former participants in the Miniversity Project and a matched control group of 45 Daytop clients who did not participate in the project.

Project director: Archie Purcell.

Use of Adjustable Rate Mortgages. The second and third surveys in this study for the American Mortgage Insurance Company were completed in February and September 1982, respectively. Both involved telephone interviews with a national sample of 397 savings and loan associations. Survey 2 obtained national estimates of the uses of adjustable rate mortgages and was modified from the first survey to include questions on the use of second mortgages, balloon mortgages, and S&L activity in the secondary mortgage market. Survey 3 updated information on the use of adjustable rate mortgages and collected data on type of mortgage instruments offered, their characteristics, and the institution's future lending plans. In addition to the S&L survey, the top 50 mortgage servicers (mortgage banks and commercial banks) were interviewed in Survey 3.

Project leader: Barrett R. Joyner.

Use and Disposition of Large Certificates of Deposit Accounts. Completed in November 1982, this study for the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation sought to identify how commercial banks and savings and loan associations are utilizing large certificates of deposit accounts. Telephone interviews were conducted with a national sample of 500 S&Ls and commercial banks, with an 85% response rate.

Project leader: Barrett R. Joyner; survey director: Paul Moore.

Evaluation of the 1981 AFDC Amendments. The purpose of this project, completed in March 1983 for the Social Security Administration, was to aid in evaluating the impact of recent changes to the AFDC program that were included in the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981. Approximately 1,600 abstracts were made from a national sample of AFDC case records to assess caseload dynamics before and after the policy reform. The study focused on estimating the degree to which the 1981 reform produced changes in the work patterns of AFDC recipients, the costs to government of providing AFDC benefits, and the level of need of AFDC recipients. In addition, telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 200 terminated cases to determine whether AFDC participants who were terminated as a result of the amendments increased their level of work effort after leaving the AFDC program.

Study director: C. Lynn Usher.

Social and Community Planning Research
London, England

(35 Northampton Square, London ECIV OAX, U.K.)

Social Attitudes Survey. Funded by the Nuffield Foundation and the Social Sciences Research Council, the purpose of this study is to design and test a questionnaire and survey method to use as a basis for an annual report on social attitudes in Britain. The study covers attitudes toward social policy and the welfare state, government and politics, economic and labor market issues, social
mores, and the social environment. The present
funding covers the first year only of what is hoped
will be a survey series aimed at providing a pub-
lished record of British social attitudes during
the 1980s and later. In the first survey, personal
interviews were conducted in March-April 1983 with
one adult (18+) at 2,600 addresses in England,
Scotland, and Wales. A self-completion supplement
was also administered. The first report is ex-
pected by the end of 1983.
Principal investigators: Roger Jowell and Colin
Airey.

Social Science Research Center
Mississippi State University

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Research and Prevention of Agricultural and Rural
Crime in Mississippi. Sponsored by the Mississippi
Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and
the Social Science Research Center, MSU, and sched-
uled for completion in March 1984, the objectives
of this study are to (1) conduct a victimization
survey within rural Mississippi population groups
and sectors to determine the geographic, demo-
graphic, social, economic, and other rural crime
profiles; (2) determine the social and economic
impact of rural crime utilizing survey and other
data sources; (3) determine the presence and utili-
ization of existing crime prevention sources and
evaluate the effectiveness of specific prevention
measures to reduce rural crime; and (4) collaborate
with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service
and other agencies to utilize research information
for the design and selection of prevention pro-
grams. The survey component of the study involves
3,414 mail questionnaires sent to a cross section
of the rural population in Mississippi.
Co-Director of Survey Research Unit: Wolfgang
Frese.

Changing Structure of Agriculture: Causes, Conse-
quences and Policy Implications. This study, to be
completed in September 1984 for the Mississippi
Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, seeks
to identify and measure the characteristics of
farms and related activities as organizational
units, assess the impacts of external variations in
socioeconomic and institutional factors on farms of
various sizes and types, and assess the impact of
organizational characteristics on career commitment
and well-being of individuals and families on
farms. The study involves mail questionnaires sent
to a cross section of 2,498 Mississippi farmers.
Principal investigator: Carlton K. Sollie.

Statistical Laboratory
Iowa State University

(Ames, IA 50011)

Leukemia, NHL, and Agriculture. Conducted in coop-
eration with the University of Iowa and the
National Cancer Institute, this study of environ-
mental factors associated with the origin of leuke-
mia and non-Hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) among adult
white males seeks to develop a better understanding
of the established relationship between leukemia,
NHL, and rural agricultural residency by searching
for associations among these diseases and specific
elements of agricultural practice. Interviews are
to be conducted with 600 cases and 600 controls
matched by age, sex, and race.

Completed projects:

Acute Lymphoid Leukemia and Rural Environment.
This epidemiologic study, conducted in cooperation
with the University of Iowa and NCI, involved 215
acute lymphoid leukemia cases diagnosed from 1970
to 1980 in 80 rural Iowa counties. Two controls
were matched with each case on age, sex, and geo-
graphic area, with controls for live cases selected
using RDD methods. Interviews were conducted with
all cases and controls. The objective was to
investigate a possible cause-effect relationship of
acute lymphoid leukemia virus in humans to exposure
to cattle, bovine leukemia virus, and other factors
in the rural agricultural environment.

Farm Operators. This study for a group of re-
searchers in the Department of Sociology involved
telephone interviews with about 425 operators of
farms larger than 80 acres in 23 Iowa counties.
The purpose was to ascertain the adoption and dif-
fusion of new farming practices and, in particular,
farm operators' opinions about and usage of conser-
vation tillage practices.

Citizen Participation in Community Action. Using a
snowball sampling scheme, personal interviews were
conducted with 130 community leaders involved in
various issues within an Iowa community. The goal
of the study, conducted for the Department of Eco-
nomics, was to determine which types of people pro-
vide leadership skills in a community and how these
skills are used to help the community to deal
effectively with issues and problems that arise.

Survey Research Center
University of California, Berkeley

(2538 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720)

Longitudinal Study of Health and Ways of Living.
For the third time in an 18-year period, a panel of
adult residents of Alameda County (originally se-
lected by strict area probability sampling methods)
completed self-administered questionnaires focusing
on social and psychological preconditions for
chronic disease and mortality. Field work was com-
pleted in March 1983, with more than 85% of the
participants of the 1965 study cooperating by com-
pleting lengthy questionnaires. Analysis is now
under way. Funds for the current work were pro-
vided by a grant from the Centers for Disease Con-
trol to the Human Population Laboratory, part of the
California Department of Health Services.
Principal investigators: James A. Wiley (SRC) and
George A. Kaplan (HPL).

Survey Research Center
University of Georgia

(636 Graduate Studies Building, University of
Georgia, Athens, GA 30602)

Completed projects:

The Georgia Omnibus, Fall '82. Funded by the
Atlanta Journal Constitution, the Political Science
Department, and the Survey Research Center and completed in November 1982, the topics for this omnibus survey included the Georgia gubernatorial race, issues in that race, and parimutual betting. RDD telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 1,003 residents in Georgia, with a 71% response rate.

Study director: Nicholas Holt.

North Carolina Bank Study. In this study for V.G. Wright & Associates, telephone interviews were conducted in November 1982 with a sample of 507 individuals in Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham who had used the services of a bank in North Carolina (67% response rate). The study sought to determine the types of banking services used, reasons for selecting their present bank, evaluation of their present bank in relation to others regarding services and characteristics, and sources of information about banking services and banking institutions.

Director: Bruce A. Campbell.

Muscogee County (Georgia) Board of Education Study. This study, completed in January 1983 for the Muscogee County Board of Education, sought community evaluation of county school system and curricular priorities, funding priorities, and methods of funding. RDD telephone interviews were conducted with a sample of 1,000 residents in the county, with a 72% response rate.

Director: Bruce A. Campbell.

Survey Research Center
University of Kentucky
(Room 12 Porter Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506)

Completed projects:

UK-SRC Fall Poll 1982. This administration in October 1982 of a statewide omnibus survey conducted twice a year included questions on name recognition and voter preference in the gubernatorial race, inflation, nuclear war, drunk driving, dental care, computers, and consumer protection. RDD telephone interviews were conducted with 766 Kentucky residents, for a 70% response rate.

UK-SRC Fall director: Pam Conover; study coordinator: Tim Johnson.

Environmental Impact Survey. This study for the Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection examined public attitudes toward oil and gas drilling and the associated water pollution in four of Kentucky's river basins. RDD telephone interviews were conducted in February 1983 with 675 residents (64% response rate) in four river basins: Green River, Upper Cumberland, Kentucky River, and Licking River.

Principal investigator: Thomas Ford; study coordinator: Tim Johnson.

Lexington/Payette Poll. The first Fayette County Poll, to be conducted twice yearly, focused on local government services and spending priorities. Also included were questions on the job performance of Lexington's mayor, the state's governor, and President Reagan, as well as topics of local interest, such as prayer in public schools and drunk driving. The study involved RDD telephone interviews in February-March 1983 with 763 Fayette County residents, with a 64% response rate.

Director: Phillip Roeder; study coordinator: Tim Johnson.

Telecable Viewer Survey. Completed in March 1983 for Telecable of Lexington, Inc., and the Fayette Urban County Council, this survey resulted from the Federal Copyright Royalty Tribunal decision to increase the cost to cable systems of carrying independent television stations and sought to determine familiarity with and interest in keeping television station WOR (from New York City) on the cable system in Lexington. Telephone interviews were conducted with a systematic sample of 770 cable subscribers in Fayette County (84% response rate).

Director: Phillip Roeder; study coordinator: Tim Johnson.

Survey Research Center
University of Maryland
(1103 Art/Sociology Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742)

1982-1983 Nationwide Recreation Survey. The NRS, conducted for the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Administration on Aging, is collecting data on participation in selected outdoor recreation pursuits, favorite activities and constraints on participation, changes in the allocation of resources for outdoor recreation activities, utilization and importance of outdoor recreation opportunities at varying distances from home, relationship between travel costs and type of destination, attitudes toward entry fees and use limitations, and participation by persons aged 60 and over. Personal interviews are being conducted by the Bureau of the Census under subcontract to the University of Maryland with a nationwide sample of noninstitutionalized individual 12 years of age and older. Over 2,800 interviews were conducted in September 1982 and January 1983, with a similar number to be conducted in April and June 1983, to yield a total of over 5,600 completed interviews. All data will be made available to outside investigators. Data tapes will be available late in 1983, and the final report of the survey will be published in 1984.

SRC director: John P. Robinson.

Survey Research Center
Oregon State University
(Corvallis, OR 97331)

Completed projects:

Survey of Oregon Motor Vehicles Division Customers Choosing to Renew Drivers' Licenses in Person Rather Than By Mail. The purpose of this survey, completed in December 1982 for the Oregon Department of Transportation, was to identify the reasons why about a quarter of those eligible to renew their drivers' licenses by mail under a Safe Driver Extension Program have continued to appear in person. Self-administered questionnaires were completed by half (1,656) of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division customers who were eligible to renew by mail but chose instead to do so in person at 15 selected offices during 24 selected weeks in 1982. A sampled person did not receive his or her license
until the questionnaire was completed.
Study director: Helen M. Berg.

Oregon Motor Vehicles Division Customer Satisfaction Survey. In this survey for the Oregon Department of Transportation, completed in February 1983, questionnaires were self-administered after completion of a transaction to a sample of 4,969 customers (88% response rate) at all 61 Oregon Motor Vehicles Division offices on the same day during selected hours on selected days in the last half of 1982. The purpose was to estimate customer satisfaction statewide and at individual offices.
Study director: Helen M. Berg.

Survey Research Centre
York University
(4700 Keele Street, Downsview, Ontario M3J 2K6, Canada)

Completed projects:

Survey of Social Housing Projects. This survey for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) evaluated the effectiveness of currently operating nonprofit, cooperative, and public housing programs operated by CMHC. The specific purposes were to determine the affordability of the housing units, the appropriateness of the housing units relative to client needs, and the extent to which occupants feel their housing conditions have improved. The survey, conducted in the summer of 1982, involved drop-off and mail-back questionnaires for approximately 600 project managers and 9,900 occupants throughout Canada, with response rates of 88% and 42%, respectively.
Principal investigator: Michael Ornstein.

Ethno-Generational Achievement Survey. The purposes of this study, conducted in May-June 1982 for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, were to (1) collect social, economic, generational, and population data from a sample of residents in Toronto and (2) assess the current socioeconomic achievement and integration of second generation Canadian-born with foreign-born parents (a) third and subsequent generations for Canadian born with Canadian born parents and (b) first generation foreign born immigrants. After telephone screening of 10,000 households, telephone interviews were conducted with 3,500 adults (20+) in the Toronto Census Metropolitan Area who had ever worked, with a response rate of 85% of known eligibles.
Principal Investigator: Warren E. Kalbach.

Metropolitan Toronto Housing Survey. This survey, sponsored by the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Department with funding from the Metro Toronto and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, was designed to provide estimates of the number of households in need of assisted housing and to determine social characteristics of those in need. Completed in January 1983, the survey involved mail questionnaires sent to 5,216 nonsenior tenants, 1,721 senior tenants (head or spouse 58 or older), and 3,204 senior owners, with response rates of 38%, 45%, and 20%, respectively, the last being low owing to the requirement that a permission letter be signed prior to the survey.
Principal investigator: Michael Ornstein.

Survey Research Laboratory
University of Illinois

at Urbana-Champaign
(1005 W. Nevada St., Urbana, IL 61801)

Erosion and Sediment Control on Illinois Farmland: The Farmer in Conflict with Society. This study for J.C. van Es, UIUC Department of Agricultural Economics, under funding from the Waters Resources Center and USDA, seeks to develop statistical models of the relationships among farm firm economic considerations, agronomic considerations, and the relevant farmer values and attitudes in explaining erosion control behavior. Telephone interviews were completed with 526 hog, grain, and dairy farmers in Illinois.
Project coordinator: Karen Woodrow.

Collaborative Study of Children with Special Needs. This study for the Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston, conducted with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is evaluating the effect of new special education policies on the health and functioning of children with handicaps and what settings and programs are most effective in enhancing the self-sufficiency, academic performance, and social interactions of handicapped children. The study also evaluates the provision of health services in the schools, access to health care, and what settings are providing health services to children with handicaps in the most comprehensive and yet cost-conscious fashion. Telephone interviews are scheduled to be completed by June 1983 with 350 parents, 175 teachers, and 100 physicians of handicapped children in each of five sites: Charlotte, North Carolina; Houston, Texas; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rochester, New York; and Santa Clara County, California.
Principal investigators: John Butler and Judy Palfrey (CMHC); project coordinator: Edward Lakner (SKL).

Measurement of Response Error in Estimating Social Network Size. This NSF-funded study, scheduled for completion in December 1983, will examine alternative procedures for the measurement of network size, attempt to identify procedures that have the highest levels of accuracy, and measure differences between procedures. The study will use telephone interviews with members of groups of varying sizes and types in businesses and voluntary associations in Chicago and Springfield. All respondents will first be asked to estimate network size. Half of the group will then be given lists, and the other half will be asked to list network members. All will be asked about frequency and intensity of contact.
Principal investigator: Seymour Sudman; project coordinator: Michael Cox.

Knowledge and Attitudes toward Nutrition among Men in Champaign-Urbana. This USDA-funded study, scheduled to be completed in July 1983 for Gerol Mies, UIUC Department of Foods and Nutrition, seeks to assess the extent of knowledge and attitudes of men aged 24 or older toward nutrition. Telephone interviews, to be conducted with a sample of 300 men (24+) in Champaign-Urbana, will include dietary information on the previous 24 hours.
Project coordinator: Michael Cox.
Public Perceptions of the Criminal Justice System—1983 Sociology Practicum. SKL is assisting the UIUC Sociology Department in its practicum course in research methods, which this year seeks to assess public perceptions of the seriousness of crime as a problem, the causes of crime, the effectiveness of the police and the courts, severity of punishment for specific crimes, behavioral reactions to crime, and attitudes toward issues such as plea bargaining, the insanity defense, and the exclusionary rule. RDD telephone interviews, conducted by students in the class, will be completed this spring with about 480 residents of the Chicago SMSA.

Principal investigators: Michael Gottfredson and James Kluegel; project coordinator: Joe L. Spaeth.

Completed project:

Water Demand Study. In this study for David Chicoine, UIUC Department of Agricultural Administration, funded by the Water Resources Center and completed in March 1983, telephone interviews were conducted with 100 customers of rural water districts in several Illinois locations in order to learn about their usage of water (including their perceptions of amounts used and the cost) and to try to relate price of water to demand thereof. Project coordinator: Matilda Frankel.

at Chicago

(2300 Formfit Building, P.O. Box 6905, Chicago, IL 60680)

Pretest for a Case-Control Study of the Relationship between Cholecystectomy and Subsite-Specific Large Bowel Cancer. This study is a pretest for an epidemiologic case-control study to determine if cholecystectomy is a risk factor for certain colon and rectal cancers. The study, conducted for the Illinois Cancer Council, is designed to allow investigation of this relationship among males and females. Telephone interviews will be conducted with 30 individuals in Chicago with colon cancer and with their spouses as controls. In addition, surgical reports and other hospitals records will be abstracted.

Principal investigator: Leonard J. Wernick (ICC); project coordinator: Francis Fuhlman.

Completed project:

Hammond Community Assessment Survey. This study, completed in April 1983 for the Department of Planning and Development, Hammond, Indiana, sought to assess the needs of Hammond residents related to city planning and development and to evaluate current municipal services. Telephone interviews were completed with 309 Hammond residents (18+), for an 88% response rate.

Project coordinator: Diane Binson.

Telephone Survey Center
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

(Las Vegas, NV 89154)

Learning Disabled Students: The Labeling Process. This study, scheduled for completion by July 1983 and funded by the UNLV Research Council, is examining the formal and informal labeling criteria and processes involved with students designated as learning disabled, the relative power of school and nonschool authorities involved in the labeling of these students, and the diversity of definitions surrounding this label. The study involves content analysis of 320 official case studies of learning disabled students and mail questionnaires for 385 School District employees (teachers, psychologists, and special education administrators) and parents of learning disabled students.

Principal researchers: Ronald W. Smith and Lynn T. Osborne.

Welfare Research, Inc.
Albany, New York

(112 State Street, Albany, NY 12207)

Completed projects:

Evaluation of Continuity of Employment Services for New York State Employees. This study, completed in early 1983 for the Civil Service Employees Association/Governor's Office of Employee Relations Labor-Management Committee on the Work Environment and Productivity (CWEP), evaluated the continuity of employment centers funded by CWEP to assist State employees affected by reductions in force and assessed services provided and outcomes in terms of obtaining alternative State employment. The study used telephone and face-to-face interviews and mail questionnaires and involved approximately 500 employees throughout New York State who had used continuity of employment services plus managers in State agencies affected by reduction and staff of the State Employment Continuity Center and other agency-based Employment Continuity Centers.

Principal investigator: Richard King.

Research Investigation into the Relationship between the Incidence of Domestic Violence and the Presence of a Mentally Retarded or Developmentally Disabled Family Member. Completed in March 1983 for the NYS Office of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities, this study investigated the relationship between the presence of a mentally retarded or developmentally disabled family member and the occurrence of domestic violence within the household. The study involved personal interviews with administrators and selected direct service workers at approximately 25 public and private agencies for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled in New York State and both telephone and personal interviews with administrators and selected direct service workers at approximately 45 domestic violence shelters throughout the state.

Project director: Boreen Elman; project coordinator: Jeanne Kwartler.

Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory
University of Wisconsin

(Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53706)

Completed projects:

Septic Tank Survey. Conducted in July 1982 for the University of Wisconsin Soils Annex and funded by
the Department of Soil Science, this study involved telephone interviews completed with a name sample of 45 persons in Wisconsin (90% response rate) to evaluate the effectiveness of Perox for the chemical treatment of septic system drain fields. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigator: Rick Apfel.

Hot Water Survey. This telephone interview study (using CATI) for the UW Clinical Science Center and Wisconsin Electric Power Company consisted of three waves. In the first wave in July-August 1982, RDD interviews were completed with 337 heads of households in the Greater Milwaukee area to see how many people were aware that hot tap water could cause burns and that it takes considerable energy to produce it. The second wave in August-September 1982 involved 318 completes from an RDD sample of male or female heads of households to see if attitudes and knowledge changed after a heavy media campaign to turn down water settings. In the third wave in September 1982, interviews were completed with 325 persons who had ordered a free thermometer during the media campaign to ascertain their use of the thermometer. Response rates to the three waves were 74%, 82%, and 75%, respectively. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigators: Mary Ingeles (Wisconsin Power Co.) and Murray Katcher (UW-Madison Clinics).

Cambridge Health Care Survey. This survey, completed in October 1982 for the UW Department of Medicine, sought to discover how the people of the Cambridge (Wisconsin) area feel about their current health care and whether it would be feasible to place a clinic in that area to serve the residents. RDD telephone interviews (using CATI) were completed with 587 adults in the area, for an 84% response rate. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigator: Lauren Green.

Minority Student Survey. Completed in November 1982 for the UW-Madison Office of the Dean of Students, this study sought to assess the extent of minority student interest and involvement in student organization on the UW-Madison campus. CATI interviews were completed with 321 randomly selected undergraduate minority students on the campus, for a 78% response rate. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigator: Glenda Rooney.

Agricultural Policy Survey. Conducted for the UW-Madison Department of Continuing and Vocational Education in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with federal funding, the purpose of this survey was to learn how changing methods of farming affect people living in rural communities. Of particular interest were the concerns of both farm and nonfarm households living close to livestock production. Using CATI, 30-minute telephone interviews were completed in November-December 1982 with 353 households in specific areas in Wisconsin, for an 82% response rate. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigator: Harriett Mayer.

Madison Metro Telephone Survey. Conducted in December 1982 for the City of Madison Department of Transportation, this survey sought to ascertain people's opinions about the transportation needs of the Madison area, as well as feedback on the current service. RDD interviews with CATI were completed with 256 adults in the Madison area, with a 77% response rate. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigator: Darrell Redders.

Teleconferencing Survey. In this survey for the UW-Extension Center for Interactive Instructional Programs, 30-minute CATI interviews were completed with 149 persons in the contiguous U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, and Canada in January 1983 to gather data in order to isolate factors related to successful adoption and use of teleconferencing. For further information, contact Harry Sharp, Director, WSRL.

Principal investigators: Lorne Parker and Jack Nevin.

Zentrum für Umfragen, Methoden und Analysen (ZUMA) e.V.
Mannheim, Germany (FR)

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Mannheim, Germany (FR)

(8 2,1, D-6800 Mannheim, West Germany)

Life Histories and Welfare Development (Lebensverläufe und Sozialentwicklung). Sponsored by the Special Research Unit "Microanalytical Foundations of Social Policy," Universities of Mannheim and Frankfurt, under funding from the German Research Council (DFG), this project involves sociological studies in family formation, educational and occupational careers from the perspective of the life course, and cohort differentiation. Personal interviews have been conducted with 2,200 men and women of the birth cohorts 1929-31, 1939-41, and 1949-51 in 400 primary sampling units in West Germany and West Berlin.

Principal investigator: Karl Ulrich Mayer.

Scale Comparison Study (CSS and ALIBUS). Funded by the German Research Council (DFG), 13 items concerning job orientations that were included in the 1982 General Social Survey by NORC and the German equivalent, ALIBUS 1982, are being studied with regard to comparability. The German part of the study assessed scale values of attitudes of a local personal interview sample (in Mannheim) of 100 individuals by employing several different scaling methods, primarily categorical and magnitude (psychophysical) methods.

Program director: Bernd Wegener.

Personnel Notes

Thomas V. Mangione became Director of the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts/Boston in November 1982. He joined the Center staff in 1973 and has served as Assistant and Associate Director. Under a new system of rotating Directors, he was elected by senior staff members for a three-year term. He succeeds Floyd J. Posler, Director since the Center's inception in 1971, who remains on the staff as a Senior Research Fellow.

At the National Opinion Research Center, Brad Edwards, a Senior Survey Director in New York, has been named Deputy Director, New York Office.
At Research Triangle Institute, Ralph Rolemon has become Assistant Director of the Sampling Research and Design Center. He has been a RTI statistician since 1969 and an SRDC department manager for the past five years.

Nicholas A. Holt has become Assistant Sociologist at the Survey Research Center at the University of Georgia. He was previously Research Coordinator.

Gordon Darroch, a Sociology professor, has been appointed Director of the Institute for Behavioural Research at York University for a three-year term, which began January 1, 1983. He succeeds Anthony Richmond, who returned to full-time teaching as a professor in the Sociology Department after serving as IBR's Director for 3 1/2 years.

Max Haller has been named Program Director at the Zentrum für Umfragen, Methoden und Analysen in Mannheim, West Germany. The former Executive Director of ZUMA, Karl Ulrich Meyer, has been named Director of the Max-Planck-Institute for Education and Human Development, Berlin.

Research Center News

NORC New York Office Moves

The New York Office of the National Opinion Research Center has moved to 902 Broadway, New York, NY 10010. The office also has a new telephone number: 212-505-8000.

SRC Summer Institute

For the 36th consecutive year, the Survey Research Center of the Institute for Social Research at The University of Michigan will hold a Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques from June 27 to August 19, 1983. The Institute is designed to meet the educational and training needs of persons engaged in business, government research, and other statistical work and also to meet the needs of graduate students and university teachers interested in quantitative research in the social sciences. For further information on dates, courses, fees, and housing, please write to Helene J. Hlitchcock, Administrative Manager, Office of the Director, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

NORC Summer Workshop

The National Opinion Research Center will hold its Fifth Annual Summer Workshop on Longitudinal Data Analysis on July 25-29, 1983, at the University of Chicago. Presentations will be given by Barton Singer, Department of Statistics, Columbia University, and James Heckman, Department of Economics, University of Chicago. For additional information, contact Denise Smithey, NORC, 6030 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637 (phone: 312-962-1208).

Update to List of Academic Survey Research Organizations

The following organization has come to our attention and should be added to the list published in the Summer-Fall 1982 issue of Survey Research (vol. 14, nos. 3-4):

North Carolina
Dr. Yevonne Brannon, Group Manager
Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services
Applied Research Group
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
P.O. Box 5615
Raleigh, NC 27650
(919-737-3211)

Requests for Material

Wanted: Fugitive Data Set

The microdata set from the 1960 National Recreation Survey—a major personal interview survey conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission—is WANTED by the U.S. Government for flight to evade secondary analysis! The data were originally stored in punchcard and tape form. Any persons having information or leads with respect to the whereabouts of this important data set—or any copies thereof—are urgently requested to contact Merle Van Horn or Laura Szewak, Recreation Resources Development Division, National Park Service, USDI, Washington, DC 20240 (phone: 202-343-3780). Anonymity will be respected.

Papers for Special Section of JASA

The Survey Research Section of the American Statistical Association invites papers on survey methodology for publication in a special section of the Journal of the American Statistical Association. The central theme will be methodological issues of nonsampling errors of surveys. Articles that have previously been published or that are under review by another refereed journal will not be considered for publication. The papers should be in the format outlined in the American Statistical Association style guide. To be considered for this special section, papers must be mailed to Dr. Joseph Sedransk, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, State University of New York at Albany, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222, no later than March 31, 1984. The review process will begin upon receipt of the manuscript, and authors will be notified of acceptance, recommended revisions, or rejection in accordance with the normal time schedule of JASA.

Jobs → People

This free column is for the convenience of people available for work in survey research and organiza-
tions having job openings in survey research.

Listings should be sent to the Editor, Survey Research, Survey Research Laboratory, University of Illinois, 1005 W. Nevada St., Urbana, IL 61801. Names will be coded if requested.

Opening:
Manager of Operations, Survey Research Laboratory, University of Illinois at Chicago. Duties: Manage all day-to-day activities of Chicago office of SRL; appoint and supervise all project coordinators and section heads; approve appointments of section staff; develop and implement office policy; develop and monitor office budget; review and approve all project budgets and schedules, contract letters, and proposals; coordinate project activities across two campus offices; manage specific surveys. Requirements: B.S. or B.A. in one of the social, behavioral, or health sciences plus 2 years of experience in general management in the public sector and 4 years of experience in survey research project management. Salary: $25,000. Credentials should be sent to: Steven M. Cohen, Manager, Survey Operations, University of Illinois-Chicago, Survey Research Laboratory, Room 2300 Foreman, P.O. Box 6905, Chicago, IL 60680. NO PHONE CALLS. The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Opening:
Senior Analyst, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Inc., Munich, West Germany. Expert in opinion and audience research. Must have a relevant master's degree and at least 4-5 years of practical experience in audience, opinion, or market research. Further requirements: knowledge of large-scale survey and questionnaire design; proven excellent writing ability; experience in analyzing quantitative data; sampling and probability statistics. Some knowledge of East European scene a plus, but not required. Salary range: 61,000-74,000 German Marks (ca. $25-30,000 at mid-December 1982 exchange rate), depending on qualifications and experience. Biennial home leave for U.S. citizens, generous vacation entitlement and fringe benefits. Applicant may also qualify for company-supplied housing or housing allowance. Tax-break possibilities and benefits make a more attractive package than salary alone might indicate. Please write to Dr. Henry O. Hart, Director, Audience and Opinion Research, East European Area, Box 51, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Inc., Gettinsenstr. 67 am Englischen Garten, 8000 Muenchen 22, West Germany.

Openings:
Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) has several openings including a Research Director with corporate experience and a Group Leader or Senior Study Director. MPR is particularly interested in candidates with experience in the following fields: health and pharmaceuticals, financial services, telecommunications, energy, litigation support, and data processing. Salaries competitive. Location: either Princeton, N.J., or Washington, D.C. Contact Kenneth Kehrer, Mathematica Policy Research, P.O. Box 2393, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Publications and Data Sets

Revised WSRL Publication

A revised version of the Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory's call result code description is being issued. The publication, titled Telephone Call Result Code: A Numeric System for Sample Processing, details the numeric call result coding system used in conjunction with WSRL's CATI system. For further information, please contact Harry Sharp, Director of WSRL.

NMCES Bibliography Available

The National Center for Health Services Research has issued An Annotated Bibliography of Methodological Studies from the National Medical Care Expenditure Survey, which provides descriptions of 21 methodological studies that have been completed as part of NMCES. These studies focus on issues such as nonresponse, reporting bias, data reliability, and imputation procedures. Copies of the bibliography are available without charge. Requests should be addressed to Marc L. Berk, National Health Care Expenditure Study, NCHSR-DIR, Stop 3-50, Rockville, MD 20857.

New Methodological Publications

NOTE: The publications listed below should be obtained from the author, organization, or publisher cited or from your local library. They are not available through Survey Research or the Survey Research Laboratory.


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Lawrence, Raymond J. "To hypothesize or not to hypothesize? The 'correct' approach to survey research." Journal of the Market Research Society, 24 (October 1982), 335-43.


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