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Editor’s Note

This is my final issue of Survey Research as a regular employee of the Survey Research Laboratory. After more than 20 years, I shall be retiring from the University of Illinois at the end of February 1992. However, I shall not be retiring from the survey research community or as Editor of Survey Research. Under an arrangement with SRL, after several months I shall be returning to work at SRL on a periodic basis and shall continue for the time being as SR's Editor. All communications regarding SR should continue to be sent to SRL. I shall be checking on messages and mail regularly, although at times there may be a delay if a personal reply from me is required.

Mary A. Spaeth  
Editor
Current Research

Further information on the studies described below should be obtained from the organizations conducting the studies at the addresses given at the beginning of each organization's listings. Information should not be requested through Survey Research or the Survey Research Laboratory. Study summaries are submitted to Survey Research with the understanding that the organization involved can release additional information to others.

Center for Comparative Social Research
Russia Academy of Sciences

(Krzyshcanovskogo St. 24/35 b.5, Moscow 117218, Russia; 095-128-5601, Fax: 095-125-0090)

Citizen Participation in Politics. In this study, sponsored by the Institute of State and Law of the Russia Academy of Sciences and the Center for Comparative Social Research, face-to-face interviews were conducted throughout Russia in May-June 1991 with 12,300 persons aged 18+, with an 82% response rate.
Principal investigators: William Smirnov, Vladimir Andreev-
kov, Cynthia Kaplan, and Henry Brady.

Center for Survey Research
Indiana University

(1022 E. Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47405; 812-855-2573, Fax: 812-855-2818)

Completed project:

RAeS Survey. This mail survey was conducted in October-December 1991 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to assess the information-seeking behaviors of aerospace engineers and scientists in Great Britain. Us-
able questionnaires were returned by 1,106 members of the Royal Aeronautical Society in Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales), for a 77% response rate. The data will be used for cross-national analyses of scientists and engineers in the U.S. and Great Britain. Similar surveys are planned for other European and Asian countries.
Person in charge: John Kennedy.

Eagleton Poll
Rutgers University

(Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, Neilson Campus, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 908-828-2210, Fax: 908-932-6778)

Completed project:

Union County Board of Education Cost Containment Survey. The purpose of this survey, completed in October 1991 for the Union County Board of Education (High School District #1), was to assess the priorities for cost containment measures for schools in the Union County Regional District. Particular attention was focused on the possibility of school closings as a cost containment measure. The survey involved 1,457 mail questionnaires from six communities in Union County, NJ, for a 61% response rate.
Principal investigator: Ken Dautrich.

Institute for Policy Research
University of Cincinnati

(Mail Location 132, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0132; 513-556-5028, Fax: 513-556-9023)

Completed project:

Fall 1991 Greater Cincinnati Survey. This omnibus survey, conducted in November-December 1991 for multiple external agencies and organizations, dealt with public knowledge, attitudes, and behavior on a number of topics: public transportation, police-community relations, recycling of trash, cable television service, aging services tax levy support, AIDS, blood donors, solid waste problems and in-
formation sources, abortion, and health services. RDD-CATI interviews were completed with 959 adults (18+) in the Greater Cincinnati Area, with a 72% response rate. Project director: George Bishop.

Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

(Manning Hall CD #3355, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3355; 919-962-0781, Fax: 919-962-4777)

Completed project:

Fall 1991 Carolina Poll. Sponsored by the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication and IRSS, this state-funded omnibus poll included questions about the Clarence Thomas hearings, sexual harassment, the environment, smoking, reasons for watching television news, and problems of children in the state. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted in October 1991 with 604 adults (18+) in North Carolina households.


Institute for Social Inquiry
University of Connecticut

(Box U-164, 341 Mansfield Rd., Storrs, CT 06269; 203-486-4440, Fax: 203-486-6308)

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Follow-up Study. Now in its 6th year, this ongoing study for the Connecticut Department of Labor collects information on the work experience of participants in job training programs in Connecticut. The study involves both telephone interviews and mail questionnaires. The number of interviews varies from year to year but is usually around 3,000.

Study director: G. Donald Ferree, Jr.

The Hartford Courant/ISI Connecticut Poll. Performed 10 times a year for the Hartford Courant, this poll serves as the ongoing poll of record for the state, examining behavior and attitudes regarding public policy issues. In each poll, 500 RDD telephone interviews are conducted statewide with random samples of the adult population.

Poll director: G. Donald Ferree, Jr.

Institute for Social Research
York University

(4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3, Canada; 416-736-5061, Fax: 416-735-5749)

Patient Satisfaction. In this study, to be completed early in 1992 for Cathy Charles and Mary Cauld, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis, McMaster University, with funding from the Beth Israel Hospital, the Pick/Commonwealth Fund, and the Pew Charitable Foundation, patients from 60 hospitals throughout Canada will be contacted by telephone (using CATI) within weeks of being discharged and will be asked about their satisfaction with the care provided during their hospital stay. The survey will parallel work that has been completed in the U.S. and will facilitate comparisons between patient satisfaction in the two countries.

ISR project director: Richard Myles.

Completed project:

A Survey of Injured Workers Who Have Participated in the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board's Early Medical Rehabilitation Program. This study, completed in January 1992 for the Research and Evaluation Branch of the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board with funds from the Board and the Ontario Workers' Compensation Institute, evaluated the quality of service and workers' satisfaction with community medical clinics used by the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board to treat injured workers. Telephone interviews using CATI were conducted with a random sample of 1,800 injured workers across the province of Ontario who had been treated at 54 community medical clinics used by the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board. The response rate was 76%.

ISR project manager: David Northrup.

Institute for Social Science Research
University of California at Los Angeles

(303 GSLIS, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1484; 213-825-0714, Fax: 213-206-4453)

Chinese American Mental Health. Scheduled for completion in December 1992 and funded by NIMH, this community epidemiological panel study for the National Research Center for Asian American Mental Health is investigating the psychiatric problems and assessing the need for mental health services among Chinese Americans in Los Angeles County. Components of the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) will be used. Face-to-face interviews will be conducted with 1,700 adult Chinese Americans residing in L.A. County.

Principal investigator: Wen Kuo.

Institute for Survey Research
Temple University

(1601 N. Broad Street, Room 502, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215-787-8355, Fax: 215-787-3797)

National Survey of Children and Youth. This USPHS-funded study, to be completed in April 1992 for Thomas M. Achenbach, University of Vermont, is designed to strengthen the empirical basis for assessment, taxonomy, epidemiology,
and prediction of child/adolescent psychopathology via 3- and 6-year follow-up studies of a national sample of children and youth. This study is intended to assess stability and change for the subject children who will be ages 10 through 23 as of June 30, 1992. Face-to-face interviews will be attempted nationwide with 2,488 parent/guardians and 2,341 children who were the subject of the 1986 survey; 50 second parents will also be interviewed.
Study director: Ellin Spector.

Observational Research within MDRC’s JOBS and New Chance. In this study for the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC), funded by the Foundation for Child Development, W.T. Grant Foundation, and others, ISR will use samples of economically disadvantaged young mothers who are survey respondents from MDRC’s two separate evaluations of the JOBS and New Chance programs to conduct a short face-to-face interview and administer and videotape structured play exercises to mothers and children. Data will be collected once in 1992-93 from 300 New Chance sample members in seven cities and in two consecutive years (1993-94) from members of the JOBS sample in Atlanta/Fulton County, Georgia.
Study director: Carolyn A. Eldred.

Mathematica Policy Research
Princeton, New Jersey
(P.O. Box 2393, Princeton, NJ 08543-2393; 609-799-3535, Fax: 609-799-0005)

McMahan Employability Survey. This survey for The McMahan Securities Company, to be completed in January 1992, is a follow-up to the Baltimore Disability Survey, conducted by RDD-CATI interviews in August 1991, which replicated the screener from the 1985 Survey of Disabled Americans and identified 334 persons with disabilities. The follow-up telephone survey in Baltimore City and County covers more in-depth questions on disability status and employment history. Respondents previously referred to Maryland Corporate Partnership for job placement services are also administered questions on those services and the outcome.
Survey director: Rita Stapulonis; project director: Craig Thornton.

Minnesota Center for Survey Research
University of Minnesota
(2122 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454-1320; 612-627-4282, Fax: 612-627-4288)

Completed projects:
Lawn Care: A Survey of Metropolitan and Lake Area Homeowners. This survey, completed in September 1991 for the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, sought to assess homeowners’ lawn care practices, to obtain information regarding use of fertilizers and other lawn chemicals, and to examine attitudes about these chemicals. Telephone interviews using CATI were conducted with 410 homeowners in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul) metropolitan area (81% response rate) and with 243 homeowners near Lake Minnetonka, MN (75% response rate). Qualifiers for both groups were having a lawn and living at the address for at least one year. Project manager: Kay Schmitt.

A Survey of Minnesota College Student Transfer Experiences. In this study completed in November 1991, MCSR assisted the Minnesota Community Colleges System in documenting the experiences of students who transfer from a community college to a four-year academic institution. The information will be used to improve students’ transfer experiences and reduce problems associated with college transfers. CATI interviews were conducted with a stratified random sample of 788 students enrolled at five four-year colleges in Minnesota (between fall 1990 and summer 1991) who had transferred from a Minnesota community college. The response rate was 91%.
Survey manager: Nancy Davenport-Sis.

1991 Minnesota State Survey. The purpose of this survey, completed in January 1992 for the Minnesota Education Association, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Science Museum of Minnesota, Minnesota Citizens Council on Crime and Justice, Metropolitan Council, and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota, was to obtain information from Minnesota residents regarding the following issues: quality of life, public education, organizational awareness, transportation, attractions, crime, business, energy, children, the elderly, and gambling. CATI interviews were completed with 825 households in Minnesota, with a 79% response rate.
Project manager: Nancy Davenport-Sis.

NORC: A Social Science Research Center
University of Chicago
(1155 E. 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; 312-753-7500; Fax: 312-753-7886)

Services Research Outcomes Study. This 2 1/2 year study, scheduled for completion in March 1994 for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, will follow up a broadly representative sample of drug clients treated during 1989-90, ascertaining their behavior approximately two to four years after treatment and analyzing these results in light of the types and costs of treatment services received. The study will provide important quantitative estimates of how the treatment system overall is performing and how different modalities of treatment (including private for-profit programs) are meeting their objectives on a national basis. Two rounds of client interviews will be conducted at six-month intervals.
The study will involve 1,800 face-to-face follow-up interviews with the client sample and records abstraction from 120 drug treatment centers.

Principal investigator: Dean Gerstein (NORC); co-principal investigators: Robert Hubbard (RTI) and Tom D’Aunno (ISR/UM); project director: Richard Rubin (NORC).

1993 National Study of Postsecondary Faculty (NSOPF-93). This 3½-year study, to be completed in March 1995 for the Postsecondary Education Statistics Division of the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, is designed to provide a national profile of faculty in public and private four-year doctoral-granting, other four-year, and two-year higher education institutions. Current plans include surveying approximately 630 institutions and 25,000 faculty by mail during the 1992-93 academic years, with CATI follow-ups. The questionnaires will be designed to provide data on faculty background, responsibilities, workload, salaries, benefits, and attitudes. Both full- and part-time faculty will be surveyed nationwide.

NCES project officer: Linda Zimbler; NORC project director: Sameer Y. Abraham; associate project director: Natalie Suter.

Longitudinal Study of Schools. This national study, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Research (OR), is being conducted by the American Institutes of Research (AIR) as prime contractor and NORC as subcontractor. For this study, the 1980 High School and Beyond school sample will be augmented to accommodate school closings, restructurings, etc. Data collection in fall/winter 1992 will involve CATI interviews with roughly 1,000 school principals and questionnaires mailed to 1,000 state and district superintendents. A primary focus of the study is to assess how policy changes at the national, state, and district levels have affected high school structure and function in the last decade. In addition, the study will serve as the basis for a follow-up study 10 years hence.

OR project officer: David Stevenson; project director: Roger Levine (AIR); associate project director: Kenneth Rasinski (NORC).

Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF). Sponsored and funded by the Federal Reserve Board, the 1992 SCF is intended to provide a complete picture of the financial situation of households in the U.S. A total of 4,000 face-to-face interviews will take place in June-October 1992 with a nationally representative sample of households drawn from NORC’s PSUs and a sample (drawn from a list frame of income tax returns) with oversamples of high-income households.

FRB project officer: Arthur B. Kennickell; NORC project director: Alisu Schoua-Glusberg.

National Survey of Low Income Americans. Funded by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, a major objective of this study for the Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, is to identify whether or not public (health) programs are meeting the needs of the poor. Little information is extant about what actually happens to people when they avail themselves of government programs designed to address problems of access to health services. In the absence of such information, this study will try to answer questions such as the following: Are the people who most need assistance aware of the programs that have been created to help them? Can they get access to the programs that they need and for which they are eligible? If they are using these programs, are they satisfied with the services and benefits that they receive? In March-May 1992, face-to-face interviews will be conducted nationwide with 1,000 persons in a cross-sectional sample plus 900 in an oversample of low-income households.

Project director: Woody Carter; associate project director: Craig Hill.

Methodological research:

Cognitive Research on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention: Women’s Health. Scheduled for completion in December 1992, this project for the National Center for Health Statistics will examine how to collect data on sensitive topics related to women’s health, including abortion and drug use during pregnancy. During an initial phase, focus groups and cognitive experiments will be conducted. This phase will involve approximately 27 cognitive interviews plus 4 focus groups (with a total of 30 participants). In the second phase, more formal experiments will be done. These will compare modes of data collection (e.g., computer-assisted personal interviewing vs. self-administered questionnaires), the site of the interview (in the respondent’s home vs. outside the home), and other variables thought to affect the truthfulness of the respondents’ answers or their willingness to take part. The experiments will be done in Chicago and New York; the samples will consist of minority women between 15 and 35 years of age. Plans call for two studies with 600 and 400 completed cases.

NCDS project officer: Jared Jobe; NORC project director: Roger Tourangeau.

Population Research Laboratory
University of Alberta

(Department of Sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2H4, Canada; 403-492-4659, Fax: 403-492-2589)

Completed project:

Alberta Survey 1991. This amalgam survey, conducted in February-March 1991 as one in an annual series, had as its special topic “Political Culture in Alberta.” In addition, there were a variety of questions pertaining to such areas as personal well-being, the environment, the separate and public school systems, evaluation of Alberta universities, native issues, nuclear war, ethnicity, women’s issues, and impaired driving. The 1991 survey involved 491 face-to-face
interviews and 854 RDD telephone interviews, for a total of 1,345 and a response rate of 74%.
Study director: Harvey Krahm.

Research Triangle Institute
North Carolina

(P.O. Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194; 919-541-6220, Fax: 919-541-7198)

The Washington DC Metropolitan Area Drug Study (DC*MADS). Sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, this is a comprehensive research effort comprised of 16 studies that examines drug abuse prevalence, consequences, and correlates among all types of people (including hard-to-reach populations) or examines different aspects of the drug abuse problem in one metropolitan area of the country. The project will provide a model for conducting similar studies in other metropolitan areas. The studies, all conducted in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, include the General, Household, and Workforce Populations Study; Homeless and Transient Population Study; Institutionalized Study; Adult Criminal Offenders Study; Juvenile Offenders Study; School Dropouts Study; Young Adults Study; Current Drug Abusers Characteristics Study; Area Opinion Leaders Study; Drug Abusing Subgroups Study; Illicit Drug Industry Study; Costs of Drug Abuse Study; Neighborhood Study; Adverse Effects of Drug Abuse Study; Drug Use and Pregnancy Study; and Drug Abuse Treatment Study. The studies use face-to-face and telephone interviews, records abstraction, and focus groups and involve in separate studies 2,400 households, 900 homeless, 1,200 institutionalized, 800 criminal offenders, 250 juvenile offenders, 550 young adults, 1,000 new mothers, 250 school dropouts, and 600 drug treatment clients. The subcontractor for the studies is Westat, Inc. A series of final reports will be released in fall and winter 1992.
Project director: Robert M. Bray.

Economics and Quality of Life in GUSTO (EQOL GUSTO). Sponsored by the Duke University Medical Center as the Coordinating Center and scheduled for completion in September 1993, this is a subsample of the Global Utilization of Streptokinase and Tissue Plasminogen Activator in Occluded Coronary Arteries (GUSTO) megatrial. The GUSTO Trial is an international study comparing four thrombolytic therapies in 34,000 patients. EQOL GUSTO will compare quality of life, functional status, and economic outcomes in 2,100 patients randomly selected from all U.S. patients enrolled in GUSTO. The data will serve to improve our understanding of these outcomes and the effects of thrombolytic therapy on patients who have had an acute heart attack. CATI interviews will be conducted at 30 days, 6 months, and 12 months post enrollment with 2,100 patients presenting with acute myocardial infarction.
Principal investigator: Dr. Daniel Mark; RTI project director: Celia Hybels.

Completed project:

North Carolina Study. In this USPHS-funded study for the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, completed in November 1991, 1,301 face-to-face interviews were conducted with persons living within 1.5 miles of a hazardous waste incinerator located in Hudson, Caldwell County, NC, and with a comparison group of persons living in the town of Gamewell, NC, approximately 8 miles from the incinerator. The overall response rate was 95%. In addition, 106 telephone interviews were conducted nationwide with family members of former incinerator employees (88% response rate).
Study director: Lanny Piper.

Social and Economic Sciences Research Center
Washington State University

(Pullman, WA 99164-4014; 509-335-1511, Fax: 509-335-0116)

Completed projects:

Public Opinion on the Proposed Reintroduction of Wolves to Yellowstone National Park. The purpose of the study, completed in November 1991 for John Duffield, Department of Economics, University of Montana, and funded by Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation, was to determine the attitudes that people have toward the proposed reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park. Contingent valuation was used to assess what citizens would pay to either support or oppose the reintroduction. Two populations were sampled: the population of the Greater Yellowstone Area (the counties surrounding the park) and the population of the general U.S. (including Hawaii and Alaska). CATI interviews (using RDD and household directory listings) were conducted with 528 in the Yellowstone sample (51.2% completion rate, 77.0% cooperation rate) and 249 in the U.S. sample (45.4% completion rate, 57.1% cooperation rate).
Principal investigator: John Tarnai; study director: Rosie Pavlov.

Compton Union Building Survey of Washington State University Faculty, Staff, and Students. Completed in October 1991 for the Compton Union Building and the Division of Student Services, WSU, this survey had two purposes: to find out what students, faculty, and staff think about the various services provided at the Compton Union Building and to obtain information from students on their current living costs. Telephone interviews using CATI were conducted with 441 faculty and staff (60.3% completion rate, 90.0% cooperation rate) and 529 students (65.0% completion rate, 94.6% cooperation rate) on WSU's Pullman campus.
Research coordinator: Danna L. Moore; study director: Anita Judson.
Families, Parenting, and Economic Stress. The major objectives of this study, which combines research supported by NIAAA, NIMH, and the U.S. Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, are to assess the resilience of families to economic stress; to identify the nature, origins, and consequences of the conceptions of parenting; and to investigate the impact of economic stress on emotional and behavioral functioning of parents and adolescents. In each family in the study, both parents and two of their natural children (one of whom must be an 8th grader) are participating in a multifaceted interviewing approach that uses personal interviews, audiotaping, self-administered questionnaires, and videotaping of family discussions. The third wave of the four-year study has been completed.

Epidemiology of Cleft Lip/Palate. This study for the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health at the University of Iowa is examining the epidemiology of cleft lip and/or cleft palate in children. In 300 case families and 300 control families, the mothers and fathers are being interviewed by telephone about their health and genetic histories. Information about the mothers' pregnancies and delivery experiences is also being collected.

Completed projects:

Rural Iowa Families. The final year of data collection has been completed in this three-wave, NIMH-funded study to assess differences between farm and nonfarm adolescents as they make the transition from elementary to secondary school. Economic hardships and their possible impact on children's coping and adjustment are being evaluated. Interviews were completed with 94% of the original 398 families. During each of the three years, both parents, a target adolescent, and a sibling were interviewed in person.

AFDC Recipients. This study, conducted for the Iowa Department of Human Services by the ISU Department of Human Development and Family Studies, was designed to estimate a standard of need for recipients under the Iowa Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. Of the sample of 1,050 heads of households, 84% were interviewed by telephone about their income and expenditures. The analysis combined the survey data with data from the Consumer Expenditure Survey and a survey of housing costs in Iowa.

Failed Businesses. This study from the ISU Department of Textiles and Clothing involved contacting by telephone 249 businesses that had failed during the past three years. Of the original sample, 82% of the businesses were eligible for interview, and 90% of these were interviewed.

Survey Research Center
University of California, Berkeley

(2538 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720; 510-642-6587, Fax: 510-643-8292)

Completed projects:

Pregnancy Outcome Survey. Interviewing was completed in November 1991 in this survey for Kaiser Foundation Research, funded by the California Department of Health Services, to recruit and follow the pregnancy outcomes of women at six Kaiser Hospitals in California. Interview areas included reproductive history, current work and work history, and exposure to toxic materials. CATI interviews were conducted with 5,342 pregnant women recruited at the time of their first prenatal doctor's appointment. The response rate was 92.4%.

Field director: Linda Stork.

Survey of Race and Politics. Interviewing was completed in December 1991 in this NSF-funded study for Paul Sniderman, Stanford University, on the racial attitudes and beliefs of a random population sample. RDD-CATI interviews were completed with 2,217 adults over age 18 throughout the U.S., with mail questionnaires for volunteers from the RDD sample. The response rate was 65.0%.

Field director: Janice Clinthorne.

Survey Research Center
University of Georgia

(114 Barrow Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; 404-542-6110, Fax: 404-542-6064)

Completed project:

1991 Fall Georgia Poll. The Georgia Poll is a bi-annual omnibus survey of public attitudes toward a variety of current public issues. Topics of investigation in the poll conducted in October-November 1991 included Presidential popularity, Dan Quayle, retrospective and prospective economic evaluations, the budget crisis in Georgia, Governor Zell Miller, the lottery, and abortion. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 561 adult Georgians (18 years or older), for a 62.1% response rate.

Research coordinator: James J. Bason.

Survey Research Center
University of Kentucky

(403 Breckenridge Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0056; 606-257-4664, Fax: 606-258-1972)

Completed projects:

Childhood Sexual Abuse. The purpose of this study, completed in September 1991 for the Lexington Herald-Leader,
was to obtain information on the incidence of childhood sexual abuse and opinions regarding the legal system's handling of such cases. RDD telephone interviews were completed with 637 noninstitutionalized adults (18+) in Kentucky, with a 64.0% response rate.

Persons in charge: Dave Green and Jim Wolf.

Kentucky Poll—Fall 1991. Completed in November 1991 for the UK Division of Research and Graduate Studies with additional funding from a variety of state government and private sponsors, this omnibus survey covered issues facing Kentucky: state government, the economy, health care, and abortion. RDD telephone interviews were conducted with 650 noninstitutionalized adults (18+) in Kentucky, with a 64.2% response rate.

Principal investigator: Jim Wolf.

Survey Research Center
University of Maryland

(Art/Sociology Building, Room 1103, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; 301-314-7831, Fax: 301-314-9070)

Completed project:

Prince Georges County Recycling Survey. Sponsored by Prince Georges County, MD, this survey sought to assess attitudes and practices regarding recycling in Prince Georges County and to find out how many households in the county separate items from their trash for recycling and how many compost leaves or grass. RDD telephone interviews were completed with 827 knowledgeable adults in households in Prince Georges County, with an 82% response rate.

Project manager: Tom Triplett.

Survey Research Center
University of Michigan

(Institute for Social Research, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248; 313-764-8365, Fax: 313-747-4575)

National Survey of Black Americans, Wave IV. The fourth wave of this panel study for NIMH, to be conducted in January-March 1992, continues the investigation of serious personal problems, personal coping capacities, and the use of informal help among adult black Americans. Respondents interviewed in 1988-89 will be recontacted by telephone, and 634 interviews are expected. This national probability sample of adult black Americans was first interviewed in 1979-80.

Principal investigator: James S. Jackson.

Social Relations and Mental Health Over the Life Course. This study for NIMH examines social relationships and their impact on mental health and well-being. Approximately 1,500 face-to-face interviews with pairs of mothers and 8-12 year old children as well as with a complementary portion of the adult population aged 13-64 will be conducted in the Detroit tri-county metropolitan area in spring 1992.

Principal investigators: Toni C. Antonucci and Hiroko Aklyama.

Completed project:

Perceptions of Justice: East and West. The U.S. survey, funded by NSF, was completed in July 1991 for this study, which is part of an international collaborative research project involving 10 other countries: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, England, Germany (both former East Germany and the region of the former GDR), Hungary, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, and Slovenia. A major objective of the study is to provide a comparative picture of popular perceptions of justice in the ideal and in reality in reforming socio-political systems of Eastern Europe and in the democratic-market countries in the West. The project will provide the first truly comparative data set on public perceptions of justice during an important historical epoch. In the U.S. survey, RDD telephone interviews were conducted with 1,141 citizens in the coterminal U.S. aged 18 and older, with a 68% response rate.

Principal investigator: Duane F. Alwin; co-principal investigators: James Kluegel and David Mason.

Methodological research:

Initial Studies of Issues Related to the 1995 Redesign of the National Health Interview Survey. This project, being conducted for the National Center for Health Statistics, is funded through a Cooperative Agreement with the Association of Schools of Public Health. The research will investigate the feasibility of reducing the age of self-report for the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) to 14, will develop and make preliminary tests of questions on new topics that may be added to the NHIS in the areas of mental health and quality of life, and will examine the use of revised interviewing techniques to improve the response validity of data collected through the NHIS. The research techniques to be employed include individual and group laboratory discussions, laboratory interviews using experimental interviewing techniques, and a small number of face-to-face test interviews in respondents' homes.

Principal investigator: Charles Cannell.

Research on the Design and Conduct of the National Medical Expenditure Survey Interviews. Conducted under a subcontract with the Agency for Health Care Policy Research, this research will assisted in the design of questions for the National Medical Expenditure Survey (NMES). Intensive examination of recorded NMES interviews and laboratory sessions with locally recruited respondents will be used as a basis for developing questionnaire designs and interviewing techniques that address cognitive and motivational issues in order to improve reporting.

Co-principal investigators: Lois Oksenberg and Charles Cannell.
Survey Research Center
University of Utah

(2120 Annex Building, Salt Lake City, UT 84112; 801-581-6491, Fax: 801-581-7880)

Mayor’s Committee on Recycling Survey. The purpose of this study for the Salt Lake City Mayor’s Committee on Recycling is to measure the effectiveness of a recycling public information campaign. RDD-CATI interviews were completed in October 1991 with 402 Utah residents aged 18 and older (49.0% response rate) and are being conducted with another 400 Utah residents in January 1992. Person in charge: Lois Haggard (Director, UUSRC).

Completed projects:

Office of Job Training Employer’s Needs Survey. Completed in October 1991 for the Office of Job Training, Utah Department of Economic and Community Development, this survey sought to assess job training needs of Utah technological companies. Telephone interviews (using CATI) were conducted with 301 nongovernment Utah companies in mining, construction, manufacturing, and selected transportation, communication, and service industries that might benefit from a technician training program. The response rate was 72.2%. Person in charge: Lois Haggard (Director, UUSRC).

Environmental Claims Survey. The purpose of this survey, completed in October 1991 for Rob Mayer, UU Department Head of Family and Consumer Studies with funds from the Center for International Business Education (UU and Brigham Young University), was to assess people’s knowledge and understanding of environmental claims made by manufacturers on their products. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 404 Utah residents 18 and older, with a 37.0% response rate. Person in charge: Lois Haggard (Director, UUSRC).

Utah Federal District Court Survey. Conducted in August-October 1991 for the District of Utah of the U.S. District Court, the purpose of this study was to provide information about cases in federal court that could be used in analyzing ways to reduce the cost and time involved in federal court litigation. CATI interviews were completed with 378 plaintiffs, defendants, and their attorneys involved in federal court cases in the District of Utah that were resolved after July 1, 1989, with prejudice for cases that were removed from state court. The survey was nationwide, but primarily in Utah, and had response rates of 66.8% for attorneys and 44.6% for clients. Person in charge: Kristi Romuald.

Office of Job Training Career Decision Survey. This survey for the Office of Job Training, Utah Department of Economic and Community Development, was completed in October 1991 and examined career choices influences on career decision making in Utah. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 402 Utah residents 18 and older, with a 49.0% response rate. Person in charge: Lois Haggard (Director, UUSRC).

Survey Research Group
RAND

(1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138; 213-393-0411, Ext. 7779; Fax: 213-393-4818)

Methodological research:

Microcomputer Assessment of the Validity of Self-Reported Alcohol Use. This NIAAA-funded project is designed to develop a methodology for collecting reliable and valid self-report data by microcomputer from clients in court-ordered treatment centers for DUI offenders. A randomized experimental design is employed to evaluate four methodological factors: (1) relative order of frequency of alcohol use and alcohol diagnostic tests; (2) quantitiveness of response options for frequency of alcohol use items, (3) order of presentation of closed-ended response options, and (4) intervention feedback given to subjects. Using self-administered computer-assisted methods, a pilot study of 150 clients at an impaired driving treatment program has been completed, and the main study data collection is scheduled for 1992 with 1,240 clients at three treatment sites in the Los Angeles area. Principal investigator: Ron Hays; survey coordinator: Laura Hill.

Survey Research Laboratory
Florida State University

(Policy Sciences Program, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2018; 904-644-5270)

Completed projects:

1992 Florida Annual Policy Survey. This survey, conducted in September-November 1991, was the 14th in a series to monitor the policy interests and policy attitudes of Floridians regarding their state and local governments. Areas covered included most important problem areas, tax issues, state spending, evaluations of services, evaluations of government institutions and leaders, and current issues, including term limitations and support for a state income tax. RDD-CATI interviews were completed with 1,013 adults (18+) in Florida, with a 69% response rate. Study director: Suzanne Parker.

Leon County Downtown Commuting Needs Assessment Survey. This survey, completed in December 1991 for the Florida Department of Transportation and the FSU Marketing Department, explored incentives that would encourage commuters to carpool, vanpool, or bicycle to work and also gathered evaluations on bicycle safety in Leon County and sug-
gestions on improvements needed to bicycle facilities. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 621 persons in Leon County, FL; aged 18 and older and employed at least 30 hours per week. A response rate of 81% was achieved. Principal investigator: Ron Goldsmith (Marketing); study director: Suzanne Parker.

Survey Research Laboratory University of Illinois

(Suite 300, 909 W. Oregon Street, Urbana IL 61801, 217-333-4273, Fax: 217-244-4408; and Suite 500, 910 W. Van Buren Street, Chicago, IL 60607, 312-996-5300, Fax: 312-996-3358)

The Illinois School and Community Prevention Education Survey. This study for the Prevention Research Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, funded by the Centers for Disease Control, will attempt to assess attributes of organizations and school staff associated with varying levels and types of implementations of drug prevention education programs in Illinois public schools, develop and test an intervention to improve drug education program implementation, and determine gaps in curricula now being used. The study involves mail questionnaires (with telephone follow-ups) for school district superintendents, school board presidents, principals, faculty and other school staff, and parents and other community members throughout Illinois. Wave 1 is to be completed in February 1992 with an estimated 150 completes. Wave 2 will take place in April-May 1992 and Wave 3 in the fall of 1992. Principal investigator: Susan Levy (PRC); project coordinator: Vincent Parker (SRL-Chicago).

Elderly Driver Survey. The purposes of this survey, scheduled for completion in April 1992, for Richard Michaels, Urban Transportation Center, UIC, and funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation, are to identify road and highway design features (e.g., pavement markings on hills and curves, lighting at intersections) that are most important to the elderly in driving safely and to assess how hard or easy various driving activities (reading signs on freeways, driving at night or in heavy traffic) are for the elderly now compared with 10 years ago. Questionnaires are being mailed to 850 persons in Illinois over 65 years of age who hold a valid Illinois driver’s license. Project coordinator: Edward Lakner (SRL-Urbana).

Impact Study of the Institutional Development for Agricultural Training Sabbatical Program. SRL is assisting Thomas McCowen, Office of International Agriculture, UIUC, in the development of a questionnaire for administration to U.S. scholars having taken sabbatical leave between 1987 and 1992 at Egerton University in Kenya. The USAID-funded study will assess the impact of the sabbatic/scholar program with regard to curriculum development, applied research, and teaching at EU. An alternative version will be prepared for administration to Egerton University staff to obtain their perceptions of the program. Project coordinator: Edward Lakner (SRL-Urbana).

Methodological research:

Cognitive Aspects of Reporting Cancer Prevention Examinations and Tests. The purpose of this research for the National Center for Health Statistics, scheduled for completion in December 1992, is to investigate cognitive methods to improve response to questions about health promotion and disease prevention focusing on predictors of accuracy in reporting four early detection procedures: Pap smear, mammography, breast physical examinations, and fecal occult blood tests. The study will involve 2 focus groups, 15 thinkalouds, and 200 face-to-face interviews with women aged 50 and over who have been members of the Rush-Anchor HMO since January 1, 1967, and live in Chicago. Principal investigator: Seymour Sudman; co-investigators: Richard B. Warnecke and Timothy P. Johnson; project coordinator: Diane P. O’Rourke (SRL-Urbana).

Survey Research Laboratory University of South Carolina

(Institute of Public Affairs, Gambrell Hall, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; 803-777-8157, Fax: 803-777-4575)

Completed projects:

Edisto River Basin Public Opinion Survey. This survey, completed in May 1991 for the South Carolina Water Resources Commission, sought to determine the views of residents of the Edisto River Basin in South Carolina on environmental and economic issues. Included in this survey were items on concern over a number of environmental problems, whether government actions to solve these problems should be increased or not, perceptions of damage to the environment, and a series of economic vs. environmental tradeoff questions. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 512 persons (aged 18 or older) living in the 12-county Edisto River Basin, with a 72.6% response rate. Project director: Robert Oldendick.

Goose Creek Parks and Playgrounds Commission Citizen Preference Survey. The purpose of this study, completed in September 1991 for the Goose Creek Parks and Playgrounds Commission, was to determine the types of recreation and leisure-time activities that residents of Goose Creek, SC, thought were needed in their area. In addition, this survey examined support for various methods of providing improved recreational facilities, usage of various types of parks in the region, and general perceptions of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 396 South Carolina residents (18+) living in the Goose Creek Parks and Playgrounds District. The response rate was 71.7%. Project director: Robert Oldendick.
South Carolina State Omnibus Survey. The purpose of this survey, completed in November 1991 for the S.C. Budget and Control Board, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, S.C. Commission on Aging, S.C. Housing Development and Finance Authority, National Taxpayers Union, Common Sense, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina, was to examine the opinions of South Carolinians on a range of issues, including the effectiveness of state government, housing availability, home equity conversion programs, automobile insurance, a national balanced budget amendment, testing of drinking water, and health insurance. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted with 822 South Carolina residents aged 18 or older, with a 74.3% response rate.

Project director: Robert Oldendick.

South Carolina State Policy Survey. This survey for the University of South Carolina and The State newspaper examined public opinion on a number of issues to be addressed by the South Carolina General Assembly during its 1992 session. Included were questions on the most important problem facing the State, government restructuring, state budget priorities and taxes, health care, automobile insurance, and nuclear waste disposal. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted in December 1991 with 612 South Carolina residents aged 18 and older, with a 72% response rate.

Project director: Robert Oldendick.

Survey Research Unit
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

(Department of Biostatistics, 730 Airport Road, Bolin Creek Center, Suite 107, Campus Box #2400, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-2400; 919-962-3249)

Completed projects:

AIDS Education Survey—1991. Completed in November 1991 for the Centers for Disease Control, this was a study of the public's understanding of HIV transmission by contact with health care professionals. Findings will be used to develop education strategies to correct any misinformation about such a risk. RDD-CATI interviews were conducted in the contiguous 48 states with 1,148 noninstitutionalized persons 18 years of age or older, with a 67% response rate.

Study director: William D. Kalsbeek.

Rural HMO Physician Retention Study. Sponsored by the Agency for Health Care Policy Research with funds from the State of North Carolina and the Department of Health and Human Services, this study, completed in December 1991, sought to determine the factors that affect recruitment and retention of rural physicians. The study involved mail questionnaires sent nationwide to non-NHSC physicians who began their practices between 1987 and 1988.

Study director: William D. Kalsbeek.

University Center for Social & Urban Research
University of Pittsburgh

(121 University Place, Sixth Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; 412-624-5442; Fax: 412-624-4810)

Public Opinions to Allegheny County 2001. In order to plan for the next century, Allegheny County Commissioners emphasized two basic goals: enhance human development and strengthen the region's economic security. In this study, to be completed in March 1992 for Allegheny County, 812 county residents (at least 18 years old) were interviewed (using an RDD sample and the next birthday method) regarding their opinions about some ideas proposed for the county during the next decade. The response rate was 63%.

Person in charge: James DeAngelis.

Completed project:

Assessment of Risk Communication: Toxic Emissions from Clairton. Completed in June 1991 for the International Life Science Institute, this one-year study assessed the risk communication process involving information about the release of toxic chemicals from the USX Clairton Coke Works and their health effects. Telephone interviews were conducted with 401 heads of household in the general population in Glassport, Port Vue, and Liberty Borough in Allegheny County, for a 71% response rate.

Person in charge: Jeanette Trauth.

Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory
University of Wisconsin—Extension

(101-112 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703-1195; 608-262-3122, Fax: 608-262-3366)

Wisconsin Maternity Leave Health Study. The purposes of this NIH-funded study, sponsored by Women's Studies and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Wisconsin, and scheduled from completion in August 1993, are (1) to provide basic social science data essential to public policymakers working with parental-leave legislation and to managers attempting to develop policies that accurately reflect the needs and desires of their employees; (2) to inform women and men who are considering parental-leave options; and (3) to generate scientific information that will expand existing knowledge about parenting and the family. The study involves 585 couples, both working and non-working, drawn through private obstetric and hospital obstetric clinics in Milwaukee and Madison, with the women in the second trimester of their pregnancy at the time of the initial interviews. All mothers are being interviewed face-to-face four times and all fathers by telephone (using CATI) four times, plus both are being mailed questionnaires four times.

Principal investigator: Janet Hyde; co-principal investigator: Marilyn Essex.
Completed projects:

Greater Madison Trip Survey. This survey, completed in June 1991 for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, collected data in the Greater Madison Area/Dane County on trips made by everyone in 2,800 households aged 16 or older during all hours preceding the survey, plus household characteristics. The origin and destination of all trips were coded. The information was to be used to help plan transportation improvements in the county for coming years. The data were collected in RDD-CATI interviews with the male or female head of household. The response rate was 73%.

Principal investigator: Donald V. Revello (Chief of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Transportation).

UW-Madison Faculty, Staff and Student Day Care Survey. Conducted in fall and winter 1991 for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Dean of Students, UW-Madison, with funding from various campus sources, this was a survey of child care needs on the Madison campus and support for University investment in child care services. The survey involved 1,110 mail questionnaires from faculty, academic staff, classified staff, graduate and professional students, special students, and Child Care Tuition Assistance Program Students at UW-Madison. The response rate was 65%.

Person in charge: Florence Filley (Chair, University Day Care Committee and member, Department of Communicative Disorders).

Rasinski has been promoted from Survey Director to Senior Survey Director, and Ann Cedarland and Betty Simon have moved from the position of Assistant Survey Director to being Survey Directors.

Steven Pennell has become a Senior Research Associate at the Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, after having been a Graduate Student Research Assistant there.

Ward Kay has joined the Chicago staff of the Survey Research Laboratory, University of Illinois, as a Project Coordinator. He was previously a Senior Research Analyst at the Center for Urban Studies, Wayne State University in Detroit. Also at SRL, Sharon Calkins has been promoted from Assistant Director to Associate Director; and Timothy Johnson, previously a Project Coordinator, has become Assistant Director. In addition, Diane O'Rourke, Project Coordinator, has become Coordinator of Research Programs; and Ananda Mira, Sampling Statistician, has been named Sampling Operations Supervisor.

At the Wisconsin Survey Research Laboratory, University of Wisconsin—Extension, Harry P. (Bud) Sharp retired as Director in April 1991. The new Director is Dolores H. Niles. Also, Mary Lou Brady retired as WSRL's Field Director in August 1991. New staff members at WSRL are Linda Penaloza, Associate Director/Head of Field Unit (formerly Natural Resource Specialist/Sociologist at Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources); Nancy Davenport-Sis, Associate Director/Head of Field (formerly Survey Manager/Personnel Manager at the Minnesota Center for Survey Research); Patricia Ferrara, Research Program Manager (formerly Data Services Manager at Physicians Plus Insurance Corporation); and Barbara Burrell, Researcher (formerly Assistant Professor of Political Science at Boston University).

Personnel Notes

Judy Conger Calder has been appointed Acting Director of the Center for Applied Research at the University of Nevada, Reno. Her previous affiliation was with Calder, Conger & Associates, where she served as President for 15 years. Sandra Neese, former Director of the Center, has become an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at UN, Reno.

At the Institute for Social Science Research, UCLA, Jennifer Bott has joined the staff as Field Studies Assistant.

Donna Eisenhower has joined the staff of Mathematica Policy Research as a Senior Survey Researcher. She was previously a Senior Project Director at Westat. Also at MPR, Joy Gianollo and Steven C. Rioux have both been promoted from Survey Specialist I to Survey Specialist II.

Two new Survey Directors at NORC are Leslie Alvey, formerly Project Director at Westat, and Alma Kuby, formerly Vice-President for Marketing and Membership, American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Also at NORC, Kenneth

Update to List of Academic Survey Research Organizations

The following organization should be added to the List of Academic Survey Research Organizations published in the Summer-Fall 1991 issue of Survey Research:

Connecticut

Mr. G. Donald Ferris, Jr., Associate Director
Institute for Social Inquiry
University of Connecticut
Box U-164, 341 Mansfield Rd.
Storrs, CT 06269
(203-486-4440, Fax: 203-486-6308)
Announcements

1992 Census Bureau Conference

The Census Bureau’s 1992 Annual Research Conference (ARC 1992) will be held March 22-25, 1992, at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Arlington, VA. ARC 1992 will comprise a mix of topics such as accuracy of undercount estimates, post enumeration survey estimation issues, quality management in statistical agencies, modeling social changes and ethnographic coverage evaluation, subnational population and housing estimation, enhancing the usefulness of wage and income data, electronic data collection, technical and management decision in CAI, issues in CATI implementation, interviewer perspectives on CAPI, strategies for developing CAI systems, nonresponse and estimation issues in establishment surveys, bias corrections for survey data, combining administration and survey data, and preparing data for analysis and presentation. For further information, contact Ms. Maxine Anderson-Brown, ARC Conference Coordinator, Office of the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233; phone: 301-763-1150.

International Conference on Establishment Surveys

The International Conference on Establishment Surveys: Survey Methods for Businesses, Farms, and Institutions will be held June 27-30, 1993, in Buffalo, New York. A goal of the conference is to produce a monograph that will provide a comprehensive and current review of methodology for surveys of businesses, farms, and institutions. Monograph authors will present their papers at the conference and then revise them for publication in the edited volume.

To have a paper considered for the monograph, researchers must send a detailed 2-3 page double-spaced abstract, together with curriculum vitae, no later than May 15, 1992, to Dr. Brenda G. Cox, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 14 St. & Independence Avenue S.W., Room S-4835, Washington, DC 20250-2000.

More information on the 1993 conference and the monograph outline may be found in the Amstat News or by contacting Lee Decker, American Statistical Association, 1429 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3405; phone: 703-684-1221, Fax: 703-684-2037.

Jobs ↔ People

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

Openings:

Research Scientists, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan. SRC/UM seeks to make several new appointments to an interdisciplinary Program in Survey Methodology, which will conduct research on survey methodology and provide direction on the introduction of new methodological developments in SRC surveys. The Program will comprise a Director and several Ph.D.-level research staff, together with support staff. SRC seeks applications for research scientist positions from persons with research interests in one or more of the following areas: questionnaire design, interviewing, modes of data collection, sampling and survey statistics, and statistical analysis and computing. Positions are open-rank (Assistant, Associate, or full Research Scientist) and will be tenure or tenure-track in the Institute for Social Research. It is expected that a mixture of junior and senior appointments will be made. Joint faculty appointments with relevant academic units are possible and encouraged.

Applicants should forward a curriculum vitae and ask for 3 letters of reference to be sent to James S. House, Director, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, Room 3010, University of Michigan, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248. Screening of applications will begin March 1, 1992, and continue until all positions are filled.

The University of Michigan is an affirmative action-equal opportunity employer and encourages women and minorities to apply. The University makes every effort to be responsive to the needs of dual-career couples.

Opening:

Director, Survey Research Center, Center for Applied Research, College of Human and Community Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno. Provides administrative and programmatic leadership and accountability for the SRC and reports to the Dean of the College of Human and Community Sciences through the Associate Dean, who oversees the Center for Applied Research. The Director of the SRC may also hold a faculty appointment in an appropriate academic unit on campus. Qualifications include earned Ph.D; established record of academic research; at least 5 years of experience in a university or related survey research facility with at least 3 years of administrative responsibility in a survey research facility or academic department preferred; demonstrated expertise in research design, survey methodology, descriptive and inferential statistics as well as excellent written and verbal communications skills; experience in negotiating contracts; and familiarity with CATI systems. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Starting date: July 1, 1992.

Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the
names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least 3 references to Chair, Search Committee, Director of Survey Research Center, College of Human and Community Sciences/136, University of Nevada—Reno, Reno, NV 89557; phone: 702-784-6975. Review of applications will begin February 15, 1992, and will continue until the search is successfully completed.

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Opening:

Data Reduction Supervisor, RAND. The Survey Research Group at RAND, a private, nonprofit research organization located in Santa Monica, CA, seeks a Data Reduction Supervisor for Survey Operations. Responsibilities include supervision of data editing and coding; mailout and record abstraction projects; preparing specifications, production and quality control reports; and training and management of coding/editing staff. Experience in automated data management a plus. Bachelor’s degree in a social science discipline or equivalent work experience. Please send letter of application and resume to Kenneth R. Logan, RAND, 1700 Main Street, P.O. Box 2138, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138. RAND is an Affirmative Action employer.

Opening:

Senior Research Fellow, Center for Survey Research, University of Massachusetts—Boston. This comparatively small (6 FTE Ph.D.s) interdisciplinary survey center offers exceptional research opportunities for a person with a commitment to quantitative academic social science research and a good background in survey research methods. Projects cover a wide range of timely subject areas, with health-related studies particularly common. Many projects involve working collaboratively with other Center Fellows and/or faculty members at other universities. Position requires social science Ph.D. Applicant must have demonstrated analytic skills and ability to develop funding or own research interests. Strong statistical skills highly desirable. Direct work experience with large-scale probability sample survey projects essential, preferably in a survey research organization. Competitive calendar-year salary commensurate with experience. Send a vita by March 30, 1992, to Director, Center for Survey Research, 100 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Opening:

Research Associates and Study Directors, National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council. The NRC is seeking Study Directors and Research Associates for advisory studies on how to improve statistical methods and information for public policy decisions. Study Directors would collaborate with panels of experts on the content of and alternative ways to conduct the census in the year 2000. Research Associates are needed for the census studies and others, including alternative measures of poverty and federal economic statistics. A Ph.D. or equivalent experience is required in a relevant discipline (including statistics, economics, demography, or policy analysis) with training in quantitative methods and at least 4 years of relevant experience for a Study Director and 2 years for a Research Associate in one or more of the following: methodology (design or analysis), survey research, economics, demographic research, national statistics, policy analysis with large data bases, statistical program administration, or statistics in public or private decision making. Broad experience and interests are desirable for future studies. Please send resume with names of 3 references and salary requirement to NRC/CNSTAT, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20418. EOE.

Opening:

Senior Media & Opinion Research Analyst, Media & Opinion Research Department, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Research Institute, Munich. Candidates should have an advanced degree and be specialists in issues concerning public opinion in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Experience in public opinion analysis with special attention given to the study of opinion structures, socio-cultural change, and value studies and a good understanding of multivariate statistics methods are essential. Native-level fluency in English and the ability to write cogently are also required. Knowledge of one or more of the area languages is desirable. Computer literacy and ability to type are expected. We offer an excellent salary and benefits package, often including Company-paid housing. Candidates should send a detailed resume, including salary history, to RFE/RL, Inc., U.S. Personnel Department (SRMOR), 1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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.


Bassili, John N., and Fletcher, Joseph F. “Response-time measurement in survey research: A method for CATI and


Geer, John G. "Do open-ended questions measure 'salient' issues?" *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 55 (Fall 1991), 360-70.


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