ARDC Newsletter

A report of activities of the Atlanta Research Data Center

2016 Annual RDC Research Conference in College Station, TX

The annual FSRDC Research Conference will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Texas RDC in College Station, TX. Go here for call for papers and more information! Whether presenting or not, this conference is an excellent opportunity to network with other RDC researchers or to find out how others are using non-public data in their research.

Where to Start when Writing a Proposal?

- **Explore Available Data**
  The FSRDC web site has links to all the nonpublic data available through the RDCs. Links to data available from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the National Center for Health Statistics can be accessed through THIS page.

- **Explore Working Papers**
  A really good place to find out what other research is taking place using a data set you are interested in, or on a topic you are considering is the CES Working Paper website (hosted by IDEAS). Just type "LEHD" in to the search box and you'll see what you find!

Six More RDC Labs Expected by End of 2017

CES has announced plans to open two main labs and four branches by the end of 2017. While the location of one lab is not yet public, the other will be called The Rocky Mountain Research Data Center and located in Boulder, CO. This will bring the total number of RDC labs to 30! The Atlanta RDC was #12, which means the RDC network will be more than double in size from when we opened in 2011.

The four branch locations will be:

- University of Texas, Austin - branch of Texas RDC
- Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia - branch of Pennsylvania State University RDC
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - branch of Chicago RDC
- Georgetown University - branch of Suitland RDC

Bookmark the FSRDC website to not miss all the latest updates: http://www.census.gov/fsrdc
Approved and Active Projects
See the ARDC web site (http://atlantardc.org) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects only those projects that are active, or are approved but not yet started.

University of Tennessee-Knoxville:
"Tuskegee & Disparities in Healthcare and Health Outcomes"
Marianne Wanamaker and Marcella Alsan (Stanford)
"Imputing Small Area Sample Weights for Public Use Microdata: Increasing the Geographic Scope of the PUMS"
Nicholas Nagle, Kevin Krivacsy; and Barbara Buttenfield and Stefan Leyke (U of CO)
"Contextual Effects of Community Characteristics on Health Care Behaviors among Older Foreign-born Individuals"
Sunha Choi
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University of Georgia:
"The Impact of Health Insurance Coverage on the Labor Supply of Welfare Recipients"
Vincent Pohl
"LEHD Infrastructure Project"
Ian Schmutte and others at Cornell U
"Employee Risk Tolerance and Corporate Decisions"
Jack He, Tao Shu, Huan Yang
"Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Constraints in Texas"
Ian Schmutte, William Lastrapes, and Chadi Abdallah (Miami University)

Georgia Institute of Technology:
"Analyzing the Long-term Effectiveness of Business Assistance on Firm Productivity and Survival"
Jan Youtie and Sanjay Arora; Cliff Lipscomb and Andy Krause (Greenfield Advisors)
"Organizations in the Digital Economy: Information Technology Use, Complementary Investments, and Their Impacts on Firm Outcomes"
Chris Forman and Patricia Angle; Kristina McElheran (U of Toronto); Lynn Riggs (Baylor), Naomi Hausman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); Robert Bray (Northwestern); and Mercedes Delgado (Temple University)

Florida State University:
"Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences"
David Folch, James Gaboardi; Nicholas Nagle and Parmanand Sinha (UT-Knoxville); and Seth Spielman (U of CO)
“Should My Car Move or Should I? A Model of Residential and Commuting Choices”
Christopher Clapp
Georgia State University:
"Racial Preference in Real Estate Transactions and Its Impacts on Neighborhood"
   Vincent Yao; Geng Li (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Danielle Sandler (Census)
"The Effect of Medical Marijuana Laws on Prescription Drugs"
   Pelin Ozluk and Charles Courtemanche
"Consequence of Earnings Nonresponse in CPS"
   Barry Hirsch; Chris Bollinger, Charles Hokayem, Jim Ziliak (U of KY)
"Determinants of Educational and Developmental Outcomes among Adopted and Non-adopted Children"
   Tomeka Davis, Regina Werum (Emory), Irene Browne (Emory), and Simon Cheng (U of CT)
"Geospatial Factors and Impacts II"
   Lee Mobley and Tzy-Mey Kuo (UNC-Chapel Hill)
"An Econometric Framework for Causal Analysis of Obesity Policy Alternatives"
   Charles Courtemanche
"Estimating Long-run Determinants of Social, Demographic, and Economic Characteristics" by
   Spencer Banzhaf, Melissa Banzhaf (Census), Martha Bailey (U of Michigan), Janet Currie
   (Princeton), and W. Reed Walker (UC – Berkeley)
"Identifying Agglomeration Spillovers: New Evidence from Large Plant Openings"
   Carlianne Patrick and Mark Partridge (Ohio State U)
"Do Big Box Grocers Improve Food Security?"
   Charles Courtemanche
"The Effect of Regulating Meals and Gifts to Prescribers"
   J. Dustin Tracy

Emory University:
"Assess the Effect of Indoor Tanning on Melanoma"
   Ying Zhou; Yang Liu (Emory)
"The Contribution of Cardiovascular Risk Factors to Health Expectancies and Medicare Costs Among U.S. Adults"
   Neil Mehta and David Frisvold (U of Iowa)
"Business Cycles and the Behavior of Constrained and Unconstrained Firms"
   Kaiji Chen, Anne Hannusch, Zhao Li, and Tong Xu; and Patrick Higgins and Tao Zha (FRBA)
"The Roles of Health Condition, Health Behaviors and Socioeconomic Factors in Racial Disparities in Sepsis"
   Jordan Kempker, Greg Martin, Michael Kramer, and Lance Waller
“The Impact of Pain Management Drugs after Joint Replacement on Health Costs and Outcomes”
   Kenneth Thorpe and Peter Joski
“Understanding Medicaid Coverage Discontinuity”
   Xu Ji, Janet Cummings, Benjamin Druss, and Adam Wilk
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:
"An Empirical Study of Entry and Exit with Multiple Firm Types"
Tim Dunne, Shawn Klimek (Census), Mark Roberts (Penn State), Yi Xu (Duke)
"Research on Regional Economic Indicators and Current Business Dynamics"
Tim Dunne; Javier Miranda and Emin Dinlersoz (Census); Kimberley Bayard and John Stevens
(Fed Board of Governors)
"The Role of Social Capital in Labor Markets, Migration, and Survey Response"
Julie Hotchkiss, Ani Rupasingha (USDA), and Tom Qu (GSU)
"Developing Historic Data on U.S. Manufacturing"
Tim Dunne; Randy Becker and Cheryl Grim (Census)

Other:
"Disability Insurance and Employment Decisions"
Susan Chen (University of Alabama); Tanya Byker, John Bound, Peter Hudomiet, Ann Rodgers, Bryan Stuart, Desmond Toohey (University of Michigan); and Angela VanDerwerken (University of Albany)

Census Releases 2014 Public Education Finances Report
Highlights:

Public Education Expenditure
- Total expenditure by public school systems was $613.6 billion in fiscal year 2014, up 2.6 percent from 2013.
- Expenditures for instruction amounted to $330.4 billion, or 60.4 percent of total current spending.

Public Education Revenue
- State governments contribute the greatest share of public school system funding at $288.6 billion, or 46.7 percent of total revenue.
- Revenue raised from local sources amounted to $276.2 billion, or 44.7 percent of public elementary-secondary funding, while the federal government contributed $52.9 billion, or 8.6 percent of public elementary secondary funding.

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