

The Population Research Collection

or
“What’s it all about, Ansley?”

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History

- Office of Population Research (OPR)
- Wallace Hall
- Ansley Coale
- Pop Index



The Collection - 60%

- 60% censuses and vital statistics (births, deaths, marriages, divorces) from around the world
- Focus on population census (not agriculture, economic, etc.)
- Primary sources from the country's government
- No language, regional, chronological or format limits
- Most countries at research level. Others at lower level
- Some foreign language materials in other locations (e.g. China)

The Collection – 60% (cont'd)

How?

- No central place or approval plan (except film)
- Country websites
- Referrals from some area studies selectors
- Worldcat Selection
- Alerts
- Residual from Pop Index
- Standing orders whenever possible

The Collection – 60% (cont'd)

- Print whenever possible (PDFs) - countries, governments, sites unstable
- CD-ROMs
- Some websites
- International Population Census microfilm

International Population Census Microfilm

- Mid 1800s – present
- Not comprehensive
- Complete set
- Temporarily on hold
- How to know what we have?
 - See Articles and Databases Population Page – International Population Census Microfilm Guide - <http://library.princeton.edu/catalogs/articles.php?subjectID=91>
 - Two steps:
 1. Online Guide for years of coverage
 2. PDF guides for detailed listings of tables

Useful Links and Helpful Hints

- Census Dates for all Countries – find the date of the latest census
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/sources/census/censusdates.htm>
- International Statistical Agencies – links to statistical agencies for each country
http://www.census.gov/aboutus/stat_int.html
- For the most recent information, check the country's statistical agency
- A census reflects the culture, politics and economics of the country
- For boundary driven questions, GIS may be an option
- The smaller the geography, the more difficult the search

The Collection – The Remaining 40%

Strong Emphasis

- Fertility*
- Mortality*
- Marriages and divorces*
- Migration*
- Contraceptive methods/use*
- Population policy/family planning policy – all aspects including family size

*Statistical, biodemography, trends and trend analysis, surveys, forecasting, spatial analysis, some policy

The Collection – The Remaining 40% (cont'd)

- Historical demography – (population – history)
- Spatial demography/population geography – methods, atlases
- Methodology - demography, statistical methods, research methods, population forecasting, survey methodology, evaluation methodology, census methodology

The Collection – The Remaining 40% (cont'd)

Miscellaneous

- Demographic and Health Surveys from Measure DHS (including PDFs)
- World Fertility Survey (WFS) Reports
Note: WFS (as well as other data) is available on the OPR site <http://opr.princeton.edu/> under Data Archive

The Collection – The Remaining 40% (cont'd)

Slightly Less Emphasis but Still Strong – mostly trends and statistics

- Abortion
- Aging
- Child/adult well being
- Reproductive health
- Epidemiology, including spatial epidemiology -
- Economic development – only as it relates to population and demography
- Public health

The Collection – The Remaining 40% (cont'd)

What is NOT Collected

- Medical education or professional literature for physicians, clinical information (e.g. treatment for infertility)
- Public health promotion, health guidelines
- Birth/death registers for specific locations
- Health insurance – trends, policy, Medicare, Medicaid
- Immigration laws
- Sociological basis of policies
- Immigrant narratives, socialization patterns,
- Micro data (vs. summary data)
- Proprietary actuarial data

Users

- Primary constituency – OPR and affiliates
- Other departments, alums
- External users

Pop Index

<http://popindex.princeton.edu/>

- Global demographic and population literature
- Coverage – 1986-2000
- 1937-1999 available in print and partially from JSTOR
- Annotated bibliography – no full text
- Books, journal articles, working papers, dissertations, data files
- Overlaps with many other databases
- Occasional unique item

Popline

<http://www.popline.org/>

- Focus on reproductive health, also covers general population and related health issues
- Coverage – 1970+
- Annotated bibliography – some full text
- Scientific articles, reports, books, and unpublished reports
- Some overlap with other indexes such as Medline

Sample Questions

- Question: Number of births each month for a 20-year period starting in the 1940's or early 1950's for Sardinia

Response: *Annuario di Statistiche Demografiche*. Found in the catalog under: Italy – Statistics, Vital – Periodicals. HA1361 .A3

- Question: Cross national figures on non-marital childbearing for the past 50 years

Response: *Recent Demographic Developments in Europe, 2005*, Council of Europe (HB3581. R42q) has a table: "Extra-marital Births, per 100 Births" 1960-2004 for 47 countries

- Question: Location of births (hospital, birthing center, home) and attendance at births (physician, midwife, non-professional) from 1900-1975 in the U.S.

Response: *U.S. Vital Statistics*

Sample Questions (cont'd)

- Question: Sub national (province or district level) population information for Pakistan after the 1960s but prior to 1998

Response: 1980-81 & 1972 censuses (print and film) have the district level

- Question: Vaccinations in the Philippines by province or municipality

Response: Philippine National Demographic and Health Survey: HB1059 N274 2003

- Question: Most current infant mortality rate for Mexico by State

Response: Mexican Statistical agency website:

<http://www.inegi.org.mx/inegi/default.aspx> Search for 'mortalidad infantil'. Table: "Tasa de mortalidad infantil por entidad federativa, 2000 a 2010"

Sample Questions (cont'd)

- Question: Annual historical estimates and future projections for population for every country possible 1850-2030

Response:

International Historical Statistics, 3 separate volumes, *Africa, Asia & Oceania, 1750-2005, Europe 1750-2005, The Americas 1750-2005* and

World Population Prospects, 2008 Revision

<http://esa.un.org/unpp/index.asp>

Or U.S. Census Bureau International Programs

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>

- Question: Map of social indicators for Brazil

Response: *Atlas do censo demográfico 2000* (Demographic Census Atlas)
(Oversize G1776.E2 A85 2003q)

Sample Questions (cont'd)

- Question: Year by year population change in Princeton from 2000 to the present

Response: NJ State Data Center

http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/dmograph/Demographics_Index.html

(FYI – State Data Center Network:

<http://www.census.gov/sdc/network.html>

- Question: Number of expats in the UAE in the past 30 years

Response: *World Migration, 2003*, JV6006 .W67, has a table: Expatriate Population as Percentage of Total Population in the GCC States 1975-1999

Source cited: Girgis, M (2000) "National Versus Migrant Workers in the GCC: Coping with Change" in *Employment Creation and Social Protection in the Middle East and North Africa*, Heba Handoussa, Zafiris Tzannatos (eds).

(FYI – IOM Worldwide: <http://www.iom.int/jahia/jsp/index.jsp> -- NOT the same coverage)

Sample Questions (cont'd)

- Question: Number of Ethiopian immigrants to Israel from 1990-1995.

Response: *Immigration to Israel* HA4560 A449 2000 has a table: Immigrants by Period of Immigration and Country of Birth 1990-1998.

- Question: Number of immigrants from Mexico to the U.S.

- Response: *Yearbook of Immigration Statistics* – U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security foreign nationals in the U.S. - JV6461 .S8 or online:
<http://www.dhs.gov/files/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtm>

Sample Questions (cont'd)

Speaking of migration to the U.S....

- Undocumented (unauthorized) immigrants in the U.S.
 - Pew Hispanic Center, DHS – search box: unauthorized immigrants 2009
 - Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States
http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/statistics/publications/ois_ill_pe_2009.pdf

Questions?

Tour of SPR Collection

<http://opr.princeton.edu/popclock/>