The Association of Population Centers (APC)

The Association of Population Centers is an organization of 40 universities and research groups whose mission is to foster collaborative demographic research and data sharing, translate basic population research for policymakers, and provide educational and training opportunities in population studies.

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The Population Association of America (PAA)

The Population Association of America is a professional organization of over 3,000 individual members who conduct population research, including demographers, economists, health scientists, sociologists and statisticians. PAA members are committed to studying and communicating the implications of population change. Their diverse interests include adolescent health, aging, childcare, marriage and divorce, fertility, immigration and migration, minority health, morbidity and mortality, population forecasting, and retirement.

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On May 7, 2013 Dr. Janet Gornick, City University of New York, represented the PAA and APC at a congressional exhibition and reception showcasing research made possible by funding from the National Science Foundation. Dr. Gornick is pictured here with Representative Rush Holt.

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Informing Policymakers

PAA and APC work together to educate policymakers about population research outcomes and support the federal agencies that focus on population, or demographic, research. These objectives are achieved through the work of the PAA/APC Government and Public Affairs Committee (GPAC).

The committee’s mission is to:

- Formulate views of PAA/APC on issues before the legislative and executive branches of government
- Educate federal policymakers about the importance of demographic research as it relates to current public policy issues
- Inform the PAA and APC boards and members about the status of public policy issues
- Advise the board, presidents and members on how PAA and APC may respond to actions taken by Congress and the federal government

With the support from the director and deputy director of Government and Public Affairs, GPAC accomplishes this mission by:

- Participating in coalitions
- Organizing briefings and meetings with policymakers
- Developing briefing materials and communications for policymakers and staffs
- Participating in biweekly conference calls
- Reporting biannually to the PAA board and APC members
- Writing updates for the organizations’ newsletters and home pages and issuing action alerts

Annual Visits to Washington

Every March, a delegation of select members from GPAC and invited members of PAA and APC visit key congressional staff and the directors of the National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, Office of Management and Budget, and National Science Foundation.

The purpose of these visits is to educate congressional staff and federal officials about the importance of funding demographic research and to discuss current issues facing the field.

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