The Association of Population Centers (APC) ([www.popcenters.org](http://www.popcenters.org)) is an organization comprised of over 30 universities and research groups whose mission is to foster collaborative demographic research and data sharing, translate basic population research for policy makers, and provide educational and training opportunities in population studies.

The Population Association of America (PAA) ([www.popassoc.org](http://www.popassoc.org)) is a professional organization of over 3,000 individual members who conduct population research. PAA members include 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; family formation and dissolution; fertility; immigration and migration; minority health; morbidity and mortality; population forecasting; and retirement.

Population researchers rely heavily on funding from a number of federal agencies to support their research. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provide most of the discretionary, competitive federal funding for demographic research. The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are two other important sources of federal support. Population researchers also rely on accessible data produced by the Census Bureau and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to conduct their research.

**Fiscal Year 2009 Key Federal Budget Views**

**NIH**—PAA and APC support the position of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding and Coalition for Health Funding to increase NIH funding by $1.9 billion for a total of $31.1 billion. The $29.5 billion proposed by the Administration freezes NIH at last year’s funding level and for the sixth straight year would keep the agency below the rate of medical research inflation.

**Census Bureau**—PAA and APC support the Administration’s request for $2.6 billion. This funding would enable the Bureau to prepare for a successful 2010 Census and to conduct the ongoing American Community Survey as a replacement for traditional census long form.

**NCHS**—PAA and APC support the Administration’s request for $125 million. This funding ensures the un-interrupted collection of vital statistics and other important data collection and analysis initiatives and enables NCHS to modernize its systems to increase efficiency, interoperability, and security.

**NSF**—PAA and APC support the Administration’s request for $6.8 billion, a 13.6 percent increase over the FY 2008 appropriated amount. The proposed increase would strengthen nation’s capacity for scientific discovery and innovation.