



116th Congress: Legislative Priorities

Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers

Secure Robust Funding for Agencies Supporting Population Sciences

- Support increased funding for:
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Census Bureau
 - National Science Foundation
 - National Center for Health Statistics
 - Institute of Education Sciences
 - United States Agency for International Development
- Support federal investment in behavioral and social sciences overall.
- Support efforts to increase non-defense discretionary spending caps.

Defend Infrastructure of Agencies Supporting Population Sciences

- Defend peer review processes to identify and fund most promising scientific research.
- Support implementation of recommendations of Evidence Based Policy Commission and provisions of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act.
- Ensure that reorganization and/or reauthorization proposals do not undermine the independence, mission, and authority of federal scientific research and statistical agencies.

Support Successful Conduct of 2020 Census

- Support an inclusive, accurate, and cost-effective 2020 Census.
- Provide adequate funding of 2020 Census that fully supports targeted outreach and follow-up to hard-to-count populations, including young children.
- Oppose inclusion of citizenship question on 2020 Census.

Safeguard Data Access, Quality, and Integrity of Federal Surveys

- Support funding and integrity of surveys population sciences rely on to conduct research and research training, including:
 - American Community Survey
 - National Health Interview Survey
 - National Survey of Family Growth
 - American Time Use Survey
- Oppose legislative and administrative actions that would curtail or eliminate data access or adversely affect data quality.

The Population Association of America is a professional scientific organization comprising more than 3,000 behavioral and social scientists who conduct research on the individual, societal, and environmental implications of population change. The Association of Population Center represents over 40 federally supported population research centers. PAA & APC members—who include demographers, economists, sociologists and statisticians—rely on federal statistical data and support from the nation’s scientific research agencies to conduct research, research training, and inform evidence-based policy making in the public and private sectors.