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New Associate Director for Research and Methodology

In January, Nancy Potok, the Census Bureau's Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, announced the appointment of Thomas Louis to be the Associate Director for Research and Methodology.

From the Desk of Nancy Potok

Johns Hopkins University Professor Thomas A. Louis has joined the U.S. Census Bureau through an interagency personnel agreement as the new Associate Director for Research and Methodology and Chief Scientist, effective January 7, 2013.

Dr. Louis is Professor of Biostatistics at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. His doctorate is in mathematical statistics from Columbia University, and he headed the Biostatistics Department at the University of Minnesota. Louis is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute and a fellow of the American Statistical Association and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dr. Louis was also coordinating editor of the *Journal of the American Statistical Association* and co-editor of *Biometrics*. He was elected president of the International Biometric Society and chairman of the AAAS Statistics Section. Additionally, he has served on the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Sciences Board of Scientific Counselors and on the National Academies Committee on National Statistics, the panel on Estimates of Poverty for Small Geographic Areas, and the panel on Formula Allocation of Federal and State Program Funds.

Dr. Louis will lead key capacities for innovation in key statistical programs of the Census Bureau, including the Center for Adaptive Design, the Center for Administrative Records Research and Acquisition, the Center for Disclosure Avoidance Research, the Center for Economic Studies, the Center for Statistical Research and Methodology, and the Center for Survey Measurement. He will be transitioning in over the next several months as the former Associate Director, Dr. Roderick Little, phases out for his full time return to the University of Michigan.

New Survey Directors and Assistant Survey Directors

CONSUMER EXPENDITURE SURVEY

Survey Director: Carolyn Pickering
Carolyn joined the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in 1988 as an intern working on the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE). Upon her graduation in 1992, she was hired as a full time economist in the BLS CE program. Over the past twenty years, she worked in the publications, production, and data collection areas and was instrumental in the conversion of the CE Quarterly Survey to CAPI. Most recently, Carolyn served as the Chief of the CE Production and Control Branch at BLS. Carolyn graduated from James Madison University with a B.S. in Economics. She has continued her education by taking classes in the Joint Program for Statistical Methodology, project management courses, and OPM management courses.

Assistant Survey Director: Richard A. Schwartz
Richard began his career at the Census Bureau in 1986 working on U.S. Postal Service activities related to the decennial census. At the conclusion of the 1990 Decennial Census, he moved to the Demographic Surveys Division (**DSD**), where he served as the Assistant Branch Chief for several branches before leaving the Bureau in 2002 to work at the Center for Demographic Studies at Duke University. While at Duke, he served as the

project manager and liaison to all federal agencies, including the Census Bureau, involved in the 2004 National Long Term Care Survey. In 2007, Richard returned to DSD and resumed work in the Current Population Surveys Branch. In 2009, he was selected to serve as Chief of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys Branch, which coordinates work on the CE Surveys and the American Time Use Survey. Richard has a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Duke University.

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY
AMERICAN TIME USE SURVEY

Survey Director: Lisa Clement
Lisa began her career at the Census Bureau in 1989 as a mathematical statistician in the Demographic Statistical Methods Division, working on the Survey of Income and Program Participation. In 1997, Lisa joined the Technologies Management Office in the Project Management Staff. Lisa returned to the Demographic Statistical Methods Division in 1998 to become a section chief in the Longitudinal Surveys Systems and Procedures Branch. In 2003, Lisa joined the Demographic Surveys Division to work on the CPS. In 2007, she became the branch chief of the Current Population Surveys Branch. Lisa obtained her B.A. in Mathematics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1989, and completed a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University in 2001.

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

Assistant Survey Director for Monthly Production: Kyra Linse
Kyra began her career at the Census Bureau in 1998 as a mathematical statistician in the Demographic Statistical Methods Division, working on the Survey of Income and Program Participation and the new Automated Listing and Mapping Instrument. In 2004, she moved to the Decennial Statistical Studies Division, where she worked on the Census Coverage Followup Operation. In 2007, she became team lead for the Census Coverage Measurement Person Interview Operation. In 2012, Kyra returned to the Demographic Directorate to work on the CPS in the Demographic Surveys Division. Kyra received her B.S. in Statistics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1998 and completed a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University.

Assistant Survey Director for Supplements: Tim J. Marshall
Tim was previously a Supervisory Survey Statistician in the Current Population Surveys Branch in the Demographic Surveys Division. Tim began his career at the Census Bureau in 1997, working on the Current Population Survey and various supplemental surveys. Since 2001, he has worked extensively on the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the CPS (ASEC).
Tim received his B.S. in Business Management from Virginia Tech in 1984, a Technical Certificate in Statistics from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1994, and a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University in 2005.

SURVEY OF INCOME AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Assistant Survey Director: Matthew Marlay
Matthew comes to this role from the Longitudinal Research, Evaluation, and Outreach Branch in the Social, Economic and Housing Statistics Division (**SEHSD**), where he provided coordination for the subject matter content and coordination with other divisions and offices to help synchronize and schedule instrument changes with changes to processing and changes to training. Matthew has been working on Content and Evaluation with the SIPP implementation team for a few months. His career at Census began in 2008, when he joined the Journey-to-Work & Migration Statistics Branch, where he spearheaded the branch's work on both SIPP and SIPP-EHC. Prior to joining the Census in 2008, Matthew spent five years in State College, PA, earning a Ph.D. in Sociology and Demography from Penn State. He received his BA in Economics from Rice University and holds a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University.

Survey Directors and Assistant Survey Directors (Chart)

Survey	Survey Director	Assistant Survey Director
National Health Interview Survey	Anne Kearney	Andrea Piani (Acting: La Terri Bynum)
National Crime Victimization Survey	William Samples	Meagan Wilson
Education Surveys	Sharon Stern	Shawna Graham Hyon Shin
National Survey of College Graduates	Benjamin Reist	Cassandra Logan
Housing Surveys	Tamara Cole	Denise Pepe Mousumi Sarkar
Survey of Income and Program Participation	Jason Fields	Dann Doyle Matthew Marlay
Ambulatory Care Surveys	Scott Boggess	Jennifer Adams
Current Population Survey	Lisa Clement	Kyra Linse Tim Marshall
Consumer Expenditures Survey	Carolyn Pickering	Richard Schwartz

NCVS Statistical SWAT Teams

by William Samples

In response to concern expressed by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) with increases seen in the 2011 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) crime rates in a number of categories and the need to provide review materials for the NCVS Data Review Panel's August meeting, the Census Bureau formed a Statistical SWAT Review Team, pulling representatives from various Service Provider areas to assist. As profiled in the November issue of *Survey News*, this team was formed quickly last summer to review the statistical methodology, the data collection processes, and various microdata, macrodata, and paradata for the NCVS to help determine a cause and effect explanation for the increases in crime rates seen in the 2011 NCVS data.

The Service Provider areas are a key organizing principle of the Census Bureau's survey realignment initiative.

The new structures enabled the Demographic Directorate to assemble the Statistical SWAT Review Team in record time and with minimal delay. Service provider areas were able to identify readily available personnel and assign them to the project based upon the expressed concerns of the survey director. These individuals

were able to begin analysis immediately and provide the necessary output in a timely manner. At the conclusion of the analysis, they were then reassigned to other work for other surveys.

More recently, another NCVS Statistical SWAT team was developed this past month, including staff from the Census Bureau's research area, to begin a detailed review of 2012 interventions on the NCVS and the impact on the 2012 NCVS data for a data review panel meeting in the first quarter of 2013.

The efficiencies gained by the new realigned survey management process enabled us to pull together the high level of expertise required for these projects more quickly and with less disruption than was previously possible.

NHIS Recent Updates

by Anne Kearney

In August and September, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) ran a two-panel test to collect sexual identity data. Both panels used a computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) instrument. The first panel collected the sexual identity data with an audio-computer assisted self-interview (ACASI) module, and the second panel collected the same data with a CAPI instrument and flashcard. The data from this nationally representative pilot test of 11,000 households did not show marked increases in the reporting of sexual minorities for the ACASI panel. This finding was the main reason for the decision by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to use the CAPI with flashcard technique instead of the ACASI module in the 2013 regular NHIS instrument.

The NHIS held a centralized training session in December attended by all available NHIS field representatives (FRs) and some regional office staff. The training was a big success thanks to the effort of staff from both the Census Bureau and the NCHS. We reviewed with the FRs all of the new aspects of the 2013 NHIS survey and practiced walking through the new instrument. Each set of two regional offices spent one and a half days in training, and we trained all six regions over four and a half days.

New since the realignment in both the Field and the Demographic Directorates, Census headquarters staff, including the NHIS survey director and the NHIS survey operations lead, will begin having biweekly conference calls with the NHIS survey statisticians in the regional offices (SSOs). Agenda items will include the many quality reports used to assess the survey as well as reinterview progress response rates in general. We will also include the reports on the Unified Tracking System (UTS). These meetings will give the SSOs an opportunity to learn from each other about techniques and approaches in other regions.

The new initiatives we are testing in the NHIS this year include both an Internet follow-back survey with a computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) follow-up and a CATI/CAPI test where we will attempt to obtain telephone interviews before recycling cases to CAPI. These panel tests will assess mode effects and use shortened questionnaires. We are in the planning stages on these projects. We will be in the field with the Internet survey in May 2013 and the CATI/CAPI test in October 2013.

Early Accomplishments of The Survey Analytics Office

by Barbara C. O'Hare

The Office of Survey Analytics, in its brief tenure, is now beginning to settle in as a service provider to the demographic surveys at Census. Because our staff is dedicated to integrating and analyzing survey paradata, we are able to provide new information to our survey teams and survey sponsors to better understand survey performance. Our current projects encompass work related to a number of surveys, including the National Health Interview Survey (**NHIS**), the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), the Consumer Expenditure

Survey (CE), the American Housing Survey (AHS), and the Survey of Income and Program Participation (**SIPP**).

Our initial project to establish a data environment with daily downloads of survey paradata has led to a new analytic resource that is being used to address specific survey and sponsor issues. For example, questions about the relationship of field transition and response rates have led to analyses that use case outcome, CHI, and field staff data to understand response patterns.

A sponsor's interest in collecting housing unit and neighborhood observations for use in case management or possible nonresponse adjustment has resulted in cooperative work with the sponsor to field test and analyze these data. Another project involves the evaluation of field representative training effects on survey data collection.

Other projects in Survey Analytics have more general application to survey operations. The Survey Analytics office and the Center for Research in Statistical Methods worked together to create statistically sound response rate expectations by block-group cluster. These clusters of similar block groups can be used to set field representative performance expectations and for more general use in understanding differences in survey participation by neighborhood.

The Office of Survey Analytics is also completing a Planning Database of 2010 Census and ACS 5-year summary data that is being released for internal Census and external users.

As a result of early successes, the Survey Analytics staff is now being called upon by Field Division and the Survey Directors to assist in addressing questions and to conduct special analyses. As a service provider under the Census Bureau's restructured approach to survey management, Survey Analytics is becoming an integral part of delivering a successful survey.

The Field Realignment is Now Complete

by Tim Olson, Assistant Division Chief, Field Division

On June 29, 2011, following an extensive 9-month deliberation process between Census Bureau senior leadership and Field regional directors, the Census Bureau announced the decision to close six regional offices by December 2012 and restructure how survey data collection is managed. These changes mark the most significant revision to the Census Bureau's field structure in more than 50 years. By realigning the field structure, the Census Bureau will save taxpayer money and keep pace with advances in survey methodology and technology made in recent decades.

The Field Directorate developed a project management schedule to manage the job of changing our field management structure. Ultimately, approximately 5,000 specific items were in the schedule, each tracked throughout the process.

While six regional offices were closed, six were retained, reducing the number of offices by half and significantly altering the field supervisory structure. The design increased the number of supervisory staff working from home, thus reducing investment in physical office space. The restructuring did not change the fundamental role of data collection for the nearly 7,000 field representatives who already work from home, although about half became part of a different region and all field representatives are now supervised directly by a local Field Supervisor (rather than the Regional Office).

To accommodate this change, the Census Bureau reconfigured data collection and administrative systems to support the new local-based field supervision structure. The process of transitioning all survey and administrative data was accomplished through a 7-wave implementation schedule between January and November 2012. Field staff transitioned to the new 6-region structure over a ten-month period by wave without any interruption to ongoing data collection work. Hundreds of Census headquarters staff and literally all regional staff, including field representatives, were involved in the transition process.

During the 18 months between the first announcement and the final office closures, the Census Bureau provided extensive support to staff in the closing regional offices that included information sessions, job counseling, resume building workshops, job placement services, retirement counseling, and job opportunities in

other Census Bureau locations. Reduction-in-Force notices were issued to 209 permanent employees in closing regional offices on April 27, 2012. Since that time, 48 persons acquired permanent jobs at Census headquarters or in other regions, 24 resigned or found other Federal employment, 99 retired, and 38 were RIFed when their offices closed on December 31, 2012.

Implementing the physical shutdown of six regional offices was a big task. It included the disposition and excessing of thousands of pieces of accountable and non-accountable property and vacating each regional office by December 31, 2012.

We managed the responsibilities of moving employees and aiding others in the retirement and job search process, closed six physical offices that had been in place for decades, implemented new technologies to manage field activities, and continued conducting all survey work without interruption. Normally, any one of these changes would have been a major, stand-alone activity undertaken over a three- or four-year period. To conduct them concurrently, in a short period, is a testament to the work of many hundreds of people throughout the Census Bureau.

Recent and Upcoming Data Releases

January 2013

Demographic

Educational Attainment in the United States: 2012 - A series of national-level tables showing attainment levels by a wide range of demographic characteristics, including sex, race, Hispanic origin, marital status, household relationship, citizenship and nativity, labor force status, occupation and industry. Also included are detailed information on years of school completed, showing for each level of attainment exactly how many years of education adults have. A variety of historical time series tables going back to 1940 are also provided, as are graphs illustrating historical data. The data were collected by the Current Population Survey. (Mid-January.)

Evaluation Estimates of the Population for the United States, Cities and Towns (Incorporated Places and Minor Civil Divisions): April 1, 2000, to July 1, 2010 - Internet downloadable files contain vintage 2010 estimates of total population. The estimates were developed using the Census Bureau's "Distributive Housing Unit Method." This method uses a housing unit based method to distribute county household population estimates to the subcounty areas within each county. Estimates of the population living in group quarters are then added to create estimates of the total resident population. These estimates include changes from incorporation of special censuses and local challenges. A downloadable file containing alternative estimates also was produced with the same method but did not incorporate special censuses and local challenges. All estimates are based on the 2000 Census and were created without incorporation or consideration of the 2010 Census results. The evaluation estimates are available on the population estimates Web page <https://www.census.gov/popest/research/eval-estimates/eval-est.html>. (Tentatively scheduled for release in January.)

Estimates of State Voting-Age Population: July 1, 2012- Estimates of the number of people 18 and older in each state, Puerto Rico and the U.S. The downloadable file will also include total population and the percentage of people 18 and older. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html>.

American Community Survey Brief: Labor Force Participation and Work Status of People 65 Years and Older - This brief examines the labor force participation rate of individuals who are aged 65 and older, and looks at long-term participation rate trends. (Tentatively scheduled for release Jan. 24.)

American Community Survey Brief: Students in the Workforce: 2011 - This brief highlights statistics on school enrollment and examines the proportion of students who worked and the amount they worked over the previous year. (Tentatively scheduled for release Jan. 24.)

American Community Survey Brief: Recent Changes in Self-Employment - This brief examines changes in self-employment from 2010 to 2011 for the United States, the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Self-employment includes individuals working in incorporated and nonincorporated businesses. In

addition, the brief provides data on changes in total employment from 2010 to 2011. (Tentatively scheduled for release Jan. 24.)

American Community Survey Brief: Homeownership Among the Foreign-Born Population: 2011 - A new brief based on statistics from the 2011 American Community Survey examines the homeownership and renter status among foreign-born households. In this report, a household is designated as foreign-born based on the nativity of the householder, regardless of the other occupants' nativity. Country and region of origin of the household are based on the country and region of origin of the householder as well. (Tentatively scheduled for release Jan. 30.)

Economic

Service Annual Survey: 2011 - This annual business survey provides the most comprehensive national statistics available on service activity in the United States. Some of the sectors include transportation and warehousing; finance and insurance; educational services; and arts, entertainment and recreation, to name a few. The statistics show operating revenue and expenses for both taxable and tax-exempt firms and organizations, sources of revenue and expenses by type for selected industries, and selected industry-specific items. In addition, export and inventory data were collected for selected industries. The latest Annual Services Report site can be accessed at <https://www.census.gov/services/index.html>. (Scheduled for release Jan. 31.)

Media

"America by the Numbers" on C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" -- Tune in each Friday morning to C-SPAN's "America by the Numbers" for insight into key official statistics from the Census Bureau and other statistical agencies. Poverty, childbearing, education, health, the economy - topics discussed focus on the key issues of the day. The program highlights the trends and allows the public to call in or email their views. More information is available at <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/cspan/>.

Stay Connected to the Economy with Census Bureau Mobile App -- Every week, the Department of Commerce releases key Census Bureau economic indicators. Get the latest business news on the go as it is released through the Census Bureau's free, easy-to-use mobile app, "America's Economy," available for download for both Apple and Android phones and tablets. The app provides real-time updates for 16 key economic indicators from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Economic Analysis. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/mobile/>.

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2010 Census

2010census.gov Retiring -- In keeping with a government-wide effort to reduce or eliminate federal website domains, **2010census.gov** will be retired and the information will be migrated to <www.census.gov/2010census/> on Dec. 31. You can bookmark <www.census.gov/2010census> in order to continue to access content previously found on 2010census.gov. .

Summary Population and Housing Characteristics Reports (CPH-1) -- This report series contains tables on age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, households, families, housing tenure and occupancy, population density and area measurements. The lowest level of geography is the place level. There is a report produced for each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the United States. Reports that have been released can be found at <https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/>.

Demographic

New Year's Day Population -- Dec. 27 -- The Census Bureau released its annual projection of the nation's population for Jan. 1, 2013. The release include birth, death and net international migration rates. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb12-255.html>.

State Population Estimates: July 1, 2012 -- Dec. 20 -- Internet tables show July 1, 2012, population estimates and components of change for the nation, states and Puerto Rico. Changes in the previous year, as well as since the 2010 Census, are examined. Internet address:
< https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb12-250.html>.

Population and Housing Unit Estimates: July 1, 2011 -- Dec. 20 -- Population estimates are available on American FactFinder -- the Census Bureau's online data search tool -- for the nation, states, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, counties, Puerto Rico municipios, and for incorporated places and minor civil divisions. Estimates for some of these areas include components of change since the 2010 Census (births, deaths and migration), as well as demographic characteristics (age, sex, race and Hispanic origin). Housing unit estimates are available for states and counties. The estimates were originally released on the population estimates website at https://www.census.gov/popest. National and state total population estimates were released on American FactFinder on Oct. 25.

2010 Census American Indian and Alaska Native Summary File - Dec. 13 -This summary file provides detailed demographic information from the 2010 Census for more than 1,500 American Indian and Alaska Native tribal groupings, specific American Indian tribes and specific Alaska Native villages. These statistics are available for a variety of geographic areas. However, only geographic entities with a population of at least 100 for the specified group are available. The summary file has the largest number of American Indian and Alaska Native iteration groups of any Census Bureau data product released and adds a new layer of detail to the population and housing topics previously released from the census. Additionally, for the first time, the summary file includes detailed information on individual Central American, South American and Mexican-American indigenous groups. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/2010_census/cb12-241.html>.

Centenarians: 2010 - Dec. 10 - A special report provides an updated portrait of centenarians from the 2010 Census. Characteristics include: age, sex, race, Hispanic origin and living arrangements. Additional information is provided on the geographic distribution of centenarians as well as special data quality considerations. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/2010_census/cb12-239.html>.

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates: 2011 - Dec. 12 - Available for roughly 3,140 counties and nearly 14,000 school districts, these statistics represent the only current, single-year income and poverty estimates available for all sizes of counties and school districts. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/income_wealth/cb12-242.html>.

U.S. Population Projections: 2012-2060 - Dec. 12 - What will our nation look like 50 years down the road? The answer is revealed in these projections of the nation's population by age, race and Hispanic origin. The first set of Census Bureau population projections based on the 2010 Census, they go to the year 2060. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb12-243.html>.

Migration Products - Dec. 10 - Four sets of statistics addressing migration and mobility were released simultaneously. This includes Geographical Mobility: 2012 and Geographic Mobility 2005-2010, a collection of national and local level tables from the Current Population Survey that describe the movement of people in the Unites States, including why they moved, types of moves, distance moved and characteristics of those who moved in the year prior to the survey. Along with the 2012 tables package, we released for the first time data visualization charts and graphs that included historical trends. The other set released included 2011 American Community Survey state-to-state migration flow tables, showing number of people moving between each different pair of states. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/mobility_of_the_population/cb12-240.html>.

Island Areas: 2010 Census Interactive Summary Level Access and Navigation Database - The Census Bureau has developed an interactive database that will allow data users to access demographic information for the Island Areas. The Interactive Summary Level Access and Navigation Database (ISLAND) is a downloadable file containing all the Island Area demographic profile tables. Information will be available at every level of geography down to place levels for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, to census designated places for Guam, and to estate levels for the U.S. Virgin Islands. This database is currently limited to the Internet Explorer browser only. However, an expansion of functionality may occur at a later date. Internet address: http://www2.census.gov/census_2010/06-Island_Areas_DPSF/.

American Community Survey Brief: Veterans' Racial and Ethnic Composition and Place of Birth: 2011 - This brief highlights veterans 18 and older who reside in the United States and focuses on their racial, ethnic and regional diversity. Regional diversity includes foreign-born veterans and their countries of origin in addition to the native-born veteran population. The American Community Survey collects data on veterans in order to help government agencies, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish programs for job counseling, training and placement.

Economic

Management and Organizational Practices Survey -- This 2010 supplement to the Annual Survey of Manufactures examines management and organizational practices at manufacturing plants. The estimates could be used in research to understand how the practices measured affect productivity and performance. Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2, the Census Bureau will provide embargo-period access to the survey results and a research paper written by a research team consisting of Census Bureau staff and researchers from Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the London School of Economics. Both the estimates and research paper will be released to the public on Jan. 4. One of the team members of the study, professor Nick Bloom from Stanford University, will present the findings at the American Economic Association's annual meeting in San Diego on Jan. 4.

Survey of Market Absorption: 3rd Quarter 2012 - Dec. 3 -The Survey of Market Absorption, sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, uses the Census Bureau's Survey of Construction as its sampling base. Each month, a sample of residential buildings containing five or more units is selected for the survey. The initial three-month interview collects information on amenities, rent or sales price levels, number of units, type of building and the number of units taken off the market (absorbed). Field representatives conduct subsequent interviews, if necessary, at six, nine and 12 months after completion.
These quarterly reports are generally available the first week of March, June, September and December. Additionally, statistics on absorption rates for selected metropolitan areas are also released on the Internet at the same time. For more information, please visit <https://www.census.gov/housing/soma/>. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/construction_industries/cb12-tps84.html>.

American Community Survey

American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates: 2007-2011 - Dec. 6 - The only statistics on a wealth of demographic and socioeconomic measures for all geographic areas down to the block group level. These measures include education, occupation and language, to name just a few. The Census Bureau issues new sets of these five-year estimates every year; they are ideal measuring the composition of areas with populations of less than 20,000, which are not covered in any other round of estimates. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/american_community_survey_acs/cb12-228.html>.

Census Bureau Offers American Community Survey Internet Response -- Dec. 17 --
The American Community Survey, the most detailed portrait of America's towns and neighborhoods, is now more convenient for most participants with the added availability of responding online. That makes it the 61st Census Bureau survey with Internet response, saving money on printing, paper, postage and processing costs, while maintaining security. Internet address:
<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/american_community_survey_acs/cb12-247.html>

Economic

Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions: 3rd Quarter 2012 -- Dec. 20 -- This quarterly survey (formerly known as the Finances of Selected State and Local Government Employee Retirement Systems Survey) provides national summary statistics on the revenues, expenditures and composition of assets of the 100 largest state and local public employee retirement systems in the United States. These 100 systems comprise 89.4 percent of financial activity among such entities, based on the 2007 Census of Governments. This survey presents the most current statistics about investment decisions by state and local public employee retirement systems, which are among the largest types of institutional investors in the U.S. financial markets. These statistical tables are published three months after each calendar quarter and show national financial transactions and trends for the past five years. For more information, please visit <https://www.census.gov/govs/qpr/>.
Historical data from the Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions will be available in the Census Bureau's Economic Indicator Database <https://www.census.gov/econ/currentdata/>.

National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation Final U.S. Report -- Dec. 19 -- Results from one of the oldest continuing and most comprehensive recreation surveys. Includes information on the number of anglers, hunters and wildlife watchers, as well as how often they participate and how much they spend on their activities in the U.S. Internet address:
<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/miscellaneous/cb12-238.html>.

Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue: 3rd Quarter 2012 -- Dec. 18 --This summary shows quarterly tax revenue statistics on property, sales, license, income and other taxes. Statistics are shown for individual state governments as well as national estimates of total state and local taxes, including 12-month calculations. This quarterly survey has been conducted continuously since 1962. Internet address: < https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/governments/cb12-tps94.html>.

American Businesses Enter Major Phase of Five-Year Economic Census -- Dec. 17 -- The 2012 Economic Census covers a spectrum of economic sectors, such as accommodation and food services, manufacturing and wholesale trade. The economic census asks businesses to provide basic information on revenue, employment and payroll as well as industry-specific information, all with the goal of getting a snapshot on the health of the American economy. The Census Bureau is mailing forms to nearly 4 million businesses as the official twice-a-decade measure of American business and the economy continues rolling out. The majority of the forms are scheduled to be mailed the week of Dec. 17. A majority of U.S. employer businesses will receive a form in the coming weeks. Internet address: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/economic_census/cb12-246.html>.

Census Bureau Reports Increased State Government Revenues and General Expenditures for 2011 12/6/12 - Total state government revenue increased to $2.3 trillion in 2011, up 11.3 percent from $2.0 trillion in 2010, according to the latest report from the U.S. Census Bureau. Total state government revenue includes general revenues (mainly tax revenue), utility revenue, liquor store revenue and insurance trust revenue. General revenues were $1.7 trillion in 2011, a 5.7 percent increase from 2010. General expenditures by state governments rose 3.7 percent in 2011 to $1.7 trillion. The findings are from the 2011 Annual Survey of State Government Finances, which shows revenues, expenditures, debt, and cash and security holdings for each state as well as a national summary of state government finances.