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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the 'new' president I wish to acknowledge the honour, welcome the new council, thank outgoing council members, and particularly thank all who were involved in organising last year's superb conference in Adelaide. It is also my pleasure to welcome new members to APA itself.

Since taking office the new council has met twice formally, several times informally, and generated a new record for volume of email communication. This use of informal discussion by subcommittees and various council members is in fact highly efficient for attending to the myriad of small duties and activities undertaken by Council.

The year's major activity is the planning for the July 2008 APA conference in Alice Springs, a last minute change of venue from Darwin as previously planned. Management for this event is in the capable hands of Tom Wilson and his team of six hard workers. The session timetable has now been finalised, and, responding to interest in recent years for a joint APA-PANZ meeting, includes a special Census 2006 APA-PANZ session on the final day. We look forward to seeing you in Alice Springs!

Other major initiatives currently being acted upon by Council include some changes to the rules and regulations for the Caldwell and Young prizes, primarily involving a shift to four rather than one round each year, and a requirement for applicants to provide a little more detail than was previously requested; a reduction to two rather than three Borrie prizes each year; and a decision to develop a 'media contact/speaker list', to ensure that media enquiries and requests for speakers are directed to the most appropriate source. With regard to the latter all APA members will shortly be invited – on a voluntary basis of course - to provide a brief resume and contact details.

An item of importance to all who publish - or seek to - is that our new editor of JPR, Edith Gray, has appointed three new Associate Editors: Ann Evans, who will oversee submissions related to reproductive health/contraceptive use and family transitions and Rebecca Kippen (Historical Demography and parity research). Gordon Carmichael, Siew-Ean Khoo, Tom Wilson and Zhongwei Zhao continue as Associate Editors, along with new appointment (and ex-editor) Heather Booth, while Adrian Hayes has relinquished the role. Many thanks to these people, who fulfill a most important role for us. Members may also be interested to learn that Council has approved funds for a Special Issue of JPR in 2008, tentatively titled 'New Approaches to Household Diversity and Change'.

Finally members may be interested to know that I was invited (on behalf of APA) to give a keynote address at the recent PANZ conference in Wellington, and that I spoke on the topic of whether Australia's Baby Boomers will change their retirement plans in line with government thinking. Attendees at the session were most interested to hear the answer, as I'm sure our own government has been.

With that I leave you looking forward to a long/er productive life!
Warmest wishes.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to Demoz readers! As announced by Ann Evans in the last issue of Demoz, I begin my editorship of this newsletter with the current issue. I hope that I can maintain the high standards set by Ann and Demoz continues to get the support of all APA members. I look forward to continuing with the existing contributions from the ABS, AIHW and other organizations which have enriched Demoz with news, views and comments, but also to receiving APA members' contributions in the form of articles, news items or comments. I propose to devote a section of Demoz to members' views, and a separate section of Demoz to news from the State and territory Demographers.

Please send your comments or suggestions for Demoz or for the APA. to the Demoz Editor on: gour.dasvarma@flinders.edu.au.

BRING POPULATION BACK INTO THE MAINSTREAM¹

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Population variables are being marginalised in various national and international programs on reproductive health, development and the environment. National and international agencies are focusing on very specific issues without referring to an overarching framework that includes population as one of the main factors of discussion. In an insightful article, Bernstein (2005)² has shown how *population* has been excluded from the mainstream reproductive health programs and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) framework, as these are organised around agency and institutional boundaries. In view of declining fertility in most of the developing world, and the importance of population ageing, sub-replacement fertility and migration in the developed world influencing international donor agenda on development, "*the race against population growth was declared over before everyone crossed the finish line*". Further, although *population* is a relevant factor in ageing issues, it is considered not so relevant for other issues such as economic development in poor countries. The preoccupation of international and national agencies with specific issues is so prevalent that important topics such as HIV/AIDS are not recognised as population/reproductive health matters, but rather as communicable disease problems (Bernstein 2005). Yet there is a need to treat current issues of international importance (such as those articulated in the MDGs) in an interdisciplinary context.

The importance of bringing back the population factor in international programs on development, environment and reproductive health, to name a few, has been further emphasized by several other researchers. Campbell et al. (2007)³ refer to a report of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development, and Reproductive Health of the

¹ I am thankful to Adrian Hayes for drawing my attention to the Bernstein article and to Colin Butler for the other references.

² Bernstein, Stan. 2005. "The Changing Discourse on Population and Development: Toward a New Political Demography". *Studies in Family Planning*. **36** (2). June 2005: 127-132.

³ Campbell, Martha; John Cleland, Alex Ezeh and Ndola Prata 2007. "Return of the Population Growth Factor" *Science*. Vol 315, March 2007: 1501-1502. (www.sciencemag.org)

United Kingdom⁴ and stress that “the loss of attention to population has created formidable problems for the future” and that it would not be possible to achieve the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations unless population growth is controlled in the World’s low income countries by making family planning easily available (see also Campbell 2007⁵). Harte (2007)⁶ and Potts (2007)⁷, while acknowledging the complexity of the relationship between population growth and environmental degradation, state that slowing down population growth through voluntary means is a necessary step (though not a sufficient one) towards protecting the fragile biosphere.

A comprehensive technical discussion paper titled: “*Population Issues of the 21st Century: The Role of the World Bank*”⁸, prepared by the Health, Nutrition, and Population (HNP) Family of the World Bank’s Human Development Network examines the linkages between population and development and urges a return to concern about population growth and place population high on the agenda of overall development dialogues and emphasise the need for multi-dimensional strategies to reduce population growth rates and reduce infant and child mortality in low income countries, to educate young women and promote gender equity and women’s employment, and to improve women’s health, particularly the provision of family planning services in high fertility countries and reduce unmet need for family planning.

One of the consequences of excluding *population* from programs of national and international significance is that training in population studies and demographic analysis is given progressively low priority by national governments and international donor agencies. This is of utmost concern for population studies/ demographic training programs. Specific issues may change in importance over time and new issues may replace old ones, but they need to be considered as parts of the main framework comprising *population* as a factor so that priority may be given to the most important issues of the time in a proper contextual setting. As the discipline of *population studies* or *demography* provides the interdisciplinary framework mentioned above, it is imperative that training in population studies be brought back to the mainstream of national and international programs for strengthening national human resources to implement programs on development (including poverty reduction), health (including reproductive health), environment and other issues.

Population matters deserve to be on the priority list for several other reasons such as the population issues of very low fertility, increasing ageing and the shrinking of the working age population, the increasing volumes of migration (both voluntary and forced) and their

⁴ All Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development, and Reproductive Health, “*Return of the Population Growth Factor: Its Impact on the Millennium Development Goals*”. (HMSO, London, 2007. (www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk))

⁵ Campbell, Martha. 2007. “Why the silence on population?”. *Population and Environment*. Vol. 28: 237-246.

⁶ Harte, John. 2007. “Human populations as a dynamic factor in environmental degradation”. *Population and Environment*. 2007. Vol. 28:223-236.

⁷ Potts, Malcolm. 2007. “Population and environment in the twenty-first century”. *Population and Environment*. 2007. Vol. 28:204-211.

⁸ The World Bank. 2007. “*Population Issues of the 21st Century: The Role of the World Bank*”. Health, Nutrition and Population. Human Development Network. Washington DC (healthpop@worldbank.org)

implications for health and economic development and for population growth, distribution and composition for the environment, social welfare and health.

It is heartening to note that there is a growing list of documents urging a return to concern about population which imply a return for the need of formal training in population studies/demography. The APA has a special role to play in this matter. Some thoughts have already been put in raising the Association's media profile by (i) providing a list of speakers/contacts and their topic areas on the APA website and to draw the attention of journalists and people seeking speakers to this web-site and (ii) by providing some general commentary on current population issues. The APA can take a lead in bringing *population* back into the mainstream of programs and activities by lobbying national and international agencies to emphasise the teaching of population studies as a multidisciplinary subject.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2008 APA Conference, Alice Springs *Demographic Change in the 21st Century*

Invitation

The 14th biennial conference of the Australian Population Association will be held in Alice Springs from Monday 30th June to Thursday 3rd July 2008 at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Researchers, planners, policy-makers and others working on, or with an interest in, population issues are warmly invited to attend. The last day of the conference will include a session on the latest censuses results in Australia and New Zealand.

Conference theme

The theme of the conference is 'Demographic Change in the 21st Century'.

Plenary sessions and speakers

Indigenous Demography

- Dr John Taylor, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU
- Dr Margaret Michalowski, Statistics Canada

Policy Responses to Demographic Change

- Professor Wolfgang Lutz, Vienna Institute of Demography, Austria
- Professor Ross Guest, Griffith University

The Demography of Australia's Northern Neighbours

- Professor Brenda Yeoh, National University of Singapore
- Dr John Bryant, Mahidol University, Thailand

Borrie lecturer

Mr Brian Pink, Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics

Venue

The conference will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

Call for papers and posters

Authors are invited to submit papers or posters on any aspect of demography or population studies.

The key dates are:

Friday 15th February 2008: Deadline for abstracts (200-300 words)

Friday 28th March 2008:

Earlybird registration closes & Deadline for submission of papers requiring refereeing.

Please email proposed abstracts/full papers to apa2008@cdu.edu.au

Website

The conference website will be launched shortly at www.nt.gov.au/ntt/apa2008

Joint APA-PANZ meeting on the 2006 census in Australia and New Zealand

A joint meeting of the APA and the Population Association of New Zealand will be held at the Convention Centre immediately following the APA conference on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd July (attendance is included in the APA conference registration fee). The meeting will focus on the 2006 census in Australia and New Zealand. Details will be placed on the conference website in due course. Please contact the organiser Associate Professor Natalie Jackson with any enquiries:

Natalie.Jackson@utas.edu.au

Sponsorship

The APA is grateful to the Northern Territory Treasury and the Australian Bureau of Statistics for generous financial and in-kind support for this conference. Other sponsorship and exhibition opportunities exist. Please direct inquiries to Eventuate, the conference secretariat; telephone: 08 8947 5544; email: apa2008@eventuate.com.au

Holidaying in the NT

For delegates wishing to sample some of the delights of the red centre whilst they are in this part of the world, visit <http://www.travelnt.com.au> the conference website at www.nt.gov.au/ntt/apa2008

We look forward to welcoming you to Alice Springs next year.

Tom Wilson and Andrew Taylor

on behalf of the APA 2008 Conference Organising Committee.

State of Australian Cities Conference

The State of Australian Cities Conference will be held in Adelaide from 28 to 30 November 2007. It is being jointly hosted by the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia.

For details of the program and registration, visit the following web-site:

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/soac2007/default.asp>

Disadvantage and diversity: Australia's welfare 2007 conference

Thursday 6 December, The Marquee Hotel, 102 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

A one-day conference to be held in Canberra which will provide a forum for debate and discussion on some of the welfare issues facing Australia.

AIHW's flagship publication [Australia's welfare 2007](#), will also be launched at this conference and copies of this important publication will be available to all delegates.

IUSSP

International Seminar on Fertility and Public Policies in Low Fertility Countries
Barcelona, Spain, 7-9 July 2008.

For further information, please contact Pau Baizan (pau.baizan@upf.edu).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following applications for membership have been approved

Ms. Deborah Pell (NSW)
Mr. Ben Dorber (NSW)*
Mr. Leonardo Carroll (ACT)
Ms. Dayle Stubbs (ACT)*
Ms. Mandy Wales (NSW)*
Miss. Elizabeth Crombie (NSW)*
Mr. Michael Tilt (NSW)
Mr. Andrew Taylor (NT)
Dr. Dean Carson (NT)
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry (Corporate member)

(* Awarded free student membership for high achievement in registered university courses)

POPULATION UPDATE

Australia's population is estimated to have reached 20.95 million by end March 2007 with a growth rate of 1.5% during the previous one year.

ABS INNOVATIONS IN DATA PRESENTATION

Map your Census data: new ABS innovation

For the first time, it will be possible to map Australian Census data for each region through the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) web site. Leading up to the release of 2006 Census data later this year, the ABS has released the innovative 'QuickMaps' product loaded with 2001 Census statistics. QuickMaps gives fast, easy access to thematic maps of Census data for a specific region, completely free of charge. This allows a range of users to easily understand their community and how it is changing.

This is the first time the ABS has released interactive thematic data on its web site. With over half a million maps to choose from, every Australian has the opportunity to discover

something about themselves and the rest of the nation.

Interesting features of QuickMaps:

- Thematic maps give a clear and understandable overview of the distribution of Census information without the need to analyse complex tables and data
- One can quickly and easily get thematic maps of small and large geographic regions, which depict basic Census data, such as ethnicity, income and education
- The maps are designed for a range of clients, with emphasis on the novice user, making it accessible to all Australians.

QuickMaps, currently containing 2001 Census data, is the final product to be released in preparation for the 2006 data launch, now only a few months away. Two other new Census products, QuickStats and Census Tables, were both released in late 2006.

Users can access QuickMaps (cat. no. 2063.0) and more detailed product information from this website. Click 'Census', 'Census Data', '2001 Census Data by Product Type'.

JPR UPDATE

Edith Gray (edith.gray@anu.edu.au)

I'm very pleased to provide an update of the Journal of Population Research. Members should have recently received issues 23(2) and 24(1) in the mail. Issue 23(2), the Special Issue on Globalization, was Guest Edited by Dr Adrian Hayes and was the last issue of Dr Heather Booth as the JPR Editor. This is an exciting issue which includes a diverse range of topics.

In January, Dr James Pooler of the University of Saskatchewan joined the JPR team as an Associate Editor. I was sorry that his contribution was cut short after he passed away in June 2007. Jim was a very active participant and I will miss his involvement.

I would also like to thank the work of Dr Adrian Hayes who resigned as Associate Editor after the publication of issue 23(2) and Dr Tom Wilson who will also finish his time as Associate Editor after issue 24(2) is published. I am very grateful for the advice that Tom provided me when I took on the job of Editor last December and I'm sorry to see him leave the team. I wish him all the best in his new job.

JPR continues to provide high-quality research articles to an international audience. Don't forget that you can access journal articles online at the JPR website.

Edith Gray (Editor JPR)

<http://www.jpr.org.au>

<http://adsri/people/edith.php>

INITIATIVE TO MAKE APA MORE ACCESSIBLE TO MEDIA

Initial thoughts have been put in raising the Association's media profile by providing a list of speakers/contacts and their topic areas on the APA website and to draw the attention of journalists, people seeking speakers etc. to the web-site, and by providing some general commentary on current population issues. This is currently being completed and will be available on the web-site soon.

BORRIE PRIZE

APA has awarded free one-year memberships and a certificate to two students at the Australian National University: Mandy Wales, who received the top mark in 2007 in the postgraduate course Principles of Population Analysis, and Dayle Stubbs, who received the top mark in 2007 in the undergraduate course Population Analysis. Congratulations to both students.

A reminder to all members that APA offers free one-year membership to the top student in registered courses on population at Australian universities. To register a course, please send an email to the secretary secretary@apa.org.au

Congratulations to the winners of the 2006 Borrie Essay Prizes:

In, Madeleine Rowland of the Australian National University was awarded the prize in the undergraduate section for her essay titled: "Is Australia's low birth rate a matter for concern?"

Anna Reimondos of the Australian National University was awarded the prize in the Honours/ Masters section for her essay titled: "Does child gender influence paternal participation in childcare?"

No prize was awarded in the PhD section.

For the 2006 round of prizes, there were 11 entries in total, 6 from the Australian National University, 4 from Flinders University and 1 from the University of Tasmania.

The 2007 round closes on 31 January 2008.

For more information, see <http://www.apa.org.au/index/borrieprize>.

APA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP PRIZE

In order to popularize studies of population and to attract students to APA membership, the Association has instituted prizes to be awarded to the best student in selected undergraduate subjects in demography taught at the Australian National University, Macquarie University and Flinders University. The recipients of these prizes at the three universities, in the form of a letter of commendation signed by the APA National President and a year's membership of the Association, are:

The Australian National University

DEMO 8008 Principles of Population Analysis taught by Dr Rebecca Kippen

2006 Anna Reimondos

2007 Mandy Wales

POPS 2002 Population Analysis taught by Dr Rebecca Kippen

2007 Dayle Stubbs

Macquarie University

Demographic Techniques taught by Dr Nick Parr

2005 Amy Lo

2006 Elizabeth Crombie

Flinders University

PPHR 2001 Demography taught by Dr Gour Dasvarma

2006 Marissa Shaefer

INDONESIAN DATABASE

Terry Hull (Terry.Hull@anu.edu.au)

The Indonesian data repository established at the ANU in the 1970s has undergone a major transformation that will benefit researchers around the world. With funding from the first round of the AusAID funded linkage projects the ANU, Statistics Indonesia, and the Demographic Institute at the University of Indonesia collaborated to develop a website that combines training, data bases, documentation and research results. The URL for the site is: <http://www.datastatistik-indonesia.com>

The site is currently undergoing some renovation, but users will still find it useful for routine data needs. Before the end of 2007 a mirror site will be established at the ANU, thus improving the speed and reliability of access for users in Australia and Indonesia. It is also planned to integrate the *datastatistik* site into the main Statistics Indonesia home page of bps.go.id, and in doing so to substantially increase the accessibility of all BPS data and documentation.

The latest addition to the data base are the final tables from the 2005 Intercensal Survey. At the moment these include provincial and district level tables but work is progressing on the presentation of National compilations in each of the tables. In coming months additional economic data will be added to the collection and it is hoped that once the website has been integrated into the BPS.go.id homepage there will be routine updates of inflation, labour force, educational enrolments, and other indicators that will allow effective monitoring of development of Provincial and even District level development.

Students in particular will find the data sets helpful as they seek information for term papers and theses. Already the site is regularly visited by students, researchers and

journalists from over 60 countries.

If you have any comments or corrections, please report them to the webmaster, Pak Hermawan Agustina (Pak Wawan-- hagustina@30gigs.com or hermawan.agustina@gmail.com).

The manager of the project in Statistics Indonesia is the Pak Muljono A Muah (muljono@bps.go.id). He welcomes any suggestions for improvement and expansion of the site.

AUSTRALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The ANU demographers have joined forces with social researchers from the former ACSPRI Centre for Social Research to form a new autonomous institute of the university called the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute (ADSRI). A listing of the Institute's staff members and a description of its research agenda, resources and consulting services is available on its web site: <http://adsri.anu.edu.au>

According to Professor Peter McDonald, Director of ADSRI the creation of the institute will enable a broader range of options to be offered in the masters degree and the study of demography at the ANU will be upgraded.

New Master of Social Research Degree, at the ANU.

The ADSRI will introduce a new *Master of Social Research* degree in 2008. The new courses are suited to the needs of research areas in government. The degree will have three specialisations:

1. Social Research Methods.

The aim of this specialisation is to equip graduates to undertake sophisticated quantitative research, especially analysis of longitudinal surveys such as HILDA and LSAC.

2. Demography

This is a continuation of the demography course that has been offered successfully at ANU for over 30 years.

3. Social Development/Social Policy

Students receive an understanding of the principles and practice of social policy especially with an emphasis upon real-world case studies.

Full details of *the Master of Social Research* degree can be found at <http://adsri.anu.edu.au/study/>

(based on information received from Professor Peter McDonald via e-mail to APA members)

20 YEARS OF POSTGRADUATE TEACHING OF POPULATION STUDIES, FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Flinders University celebrated 20 years of successful teaching of population studies at the postgraduate level with a day-long symposium held on Thursday 18 October 2007 at the Function Centre, Flinders University.

The highlights of the morning session consisted of a keynote address on the “Teaching of Population Studies/Demography in the World”, by Dr. Nick Parr, Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University, Sydney, “Usefulness of population studies training to overseas students – with special reference to Indonesian students” by Dr. Sugiri Syarief, Chairperson of the Indonesian National Family Planning Coordinating Board, “Learning experiences at Flinders University” by Professor Elfindri of the Andalas University, Indonesia and an alumnus of Flinders University.

The afternoon session consisted of a public panel discussion on the sustainability of continued population growth in Australia and South Australia. The experts who participated in the public forum were Professor Sue Richardson, Director, National Institute of Labour Studies, Flinders University, Professor Graeme Hugo, Federation Fellow, University of Adelaide, Mr. Ray Garrand, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Trade and Economic Development, South Australia, and Dr. Colin Butler, Research Fellow, the Australian National University. The panel discussion was moderated by Professor Dean Forbes, Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), Flinders University.

Both the sessions were well attended. Nearly 100 persons attended the panel discussion and participated in a lively question and answer session. About 50 persons attended the morning session which was devoted to the population studies program.

POPULATION COUNCIL WORKING PAPERS

The Population Council working paper series is now part of the Poverty, Gender and Youth Program. This is one of the three programs in the restructuring of the Population Council that is described on the Council website (www.popcouncil.org). Through the Poverty, Gender, and Youth program, Population Council staff members seek to understand the social dimensions of poverty, the determinants and consequences of gender inequality, the disparities that arise during adolescence, and the critical elements of a successful transition to adulthood in developing countries. Program activities also include developing and evaluating innovative programs--especially those related to empowerment, health, education, and livelihoods--to address the needs of the poor, women and youth in particular. Program staff also continue the Council's long-standing tradition of providing demographic analysis of the links between population growth and development at the macro and micro levels.

For information on papers in the PGY series and the predecessor Policy Research Division series, including those that are available for downloading in PDF format, see www.popcouncil.org/publications/wp/index.html

2007 Poverty, Gender, and Youth Working Papers

Sharon Ghuman and Cynthia B. Lloyd. "Teacher absence as a factor in gender inequalities in access to primary schooling in rural Pakistan"

Zachary Zimmer, Kim Korinek, John Knodel, and Napaporn Chayovan. "Support by migrants to their elderly parents in rural Cambodia and Thailand: A comparative study"

Bussarawan Teerawichitchainan and James F. Phillips. "Ethnic differentials in parental health seeking for childhood illness in Vietnam."

2006 Policy Research Division Working Papers

Cynthia B. Lloyd and **Barbara S. Mensch**. "Marriage and childbirth as factors in school exit: An analysis of DHS data from sub-Saharan Africa"

Ayaga A. Bawah, **James F. Phillips**, Martin Adjuik, **Maya Vaughan-Smith**, Bruce MacLeod, and Fred N. Binka. "The impact of immunization on the association between poverty and child survival: Evidence from Kassena-Nankana District of northern Ghana"

OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS

Population Reference Bureau (PRB)

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

Newsletters

HIV/AIDS

Misconceptions About Attitudes Toward AIDS in Africa

This article was written by Sandra Yin, associate editor at PRB.

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/misconceptions.aspx>

POPULATION BASICS

Is Delhi India's Largest City?

A proposed a new definition for the Delhi metropolitan area. O.P. Sharma, PRB's India consultant; and Carl Haub, PRB's senior demographer, did the analysis.

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/delhi.aspx>

New Fertility Rates for Europe

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/newfertilityrates.aspx>

GENDER

Nine members of PRB's Women's

Edition published a daily conference newsletter. Read their stories here.

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/womendeliver.aspx>

AGING

Underweight, Undernutrition, and the Aging

This newsletter was written by Richard Skolnik, Director, International Programs; and Meghan Cagley, Program Associate; PRB.

<http://www.prb.org/pdf07/TodaysResearchAging8.pdf>

RSS FEEDS

Subscription to RSS feeds of PRB news, events, and new content on PRB's website. You can choose among 13 topics and 6 world regions.

<http://www.prb.org/Rss.aspx>

INDIA

Will India's Population Reach 2 Billion?

Online discussion on India's population conducted 17 October 2007 by Carl Haub. Read the transcript of the questions and answers.

<http://discuss.prb.org/content/interview/detail/1664/>

Also read the report on which the discussion was based, *The Future Population of India: A Long-Range Demographic View*.

<http://www.prb.org/pdf07/FuturePopulationofIndia.pdf>

FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Unmet Need for Family Planning Persists in Developing Countries

Article written by Sara Maki, an intern at PRB.

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/UnmetNeed.aspx>

GLOBAL HEALTH

Grow Old Along With Me-And 690 Million Other People by 2030

This article is based on a fact sheet written by Beryl Lief Benderly and published by the Disease Control Priorities Project.

www.dcp2.org/features/56

UNITED STATES:

The Growing Colour Divide in U.S. Infant Mortality

Despite continued improvements in the health of the African American population, black babies are nearly 2.5 times more likely than white babies to die before reaching their first birthday. Recent data show rising infant mortality among blacks in some states. Read the article written by Rogelio Saenz,

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/ColorDivideinInfantMortality.aspx>

Younger U.S. Baby Boomers Less Likely to Divorce by 40 than Older Boomers

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2007/PopWireOct2007.aspx>

Population, Health, and Environment News:

<http://www.prb.org/Journalists/TakeANumber.aspx>

IMMIGRATION NEWS (<http://www.immi.gov.au/>)

To obtain the latest news from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

A selection of the news headlines is given below:

Secretary's address to the Migration Institute of Australia 2007 National Conference

Video of the Secretary's address to the 12th International Metropolis Conference

Secretary's address to the 2007 Comcover Senior Executive Risk Management Forum

Life in Australia book and Australian Values Statement information now available

15 October Legislative Changes

The details can be obtained from the DIAC web-site: <http://www.immi.gov.au/> and check "What's New".

ABS NEWS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Demography team have resumed the quarterly issue of Demography News, beginning with the June 2007 issue, which was released today.

The purpose of ABS Demography News is to inform key clients of developments and upcoming demography events and releases. Demography statistics provide measures of the Australian population, its size, growth, composition and geographic distribution, as well as the components that shape population change: births, deaths and migration. This newsletter will also provide information about the latest demographic research and analysis being undertaken by the ABS.

If you still wish to receive notification of Demography News or any other Demography product being released, then it is necessary to subscribe to the ABS Email Notification Service. By subscribing to this free service you will be kept informed via email of the latest releases of ABS products, including the newsletter.

The link below will take you to where you can subscribe to the following categories of releases:

31 Demography - general (which relates to the Newsletter and other general Demography releases) 32 Population trends and estimates 33 Vital statistics 34 Migration

<http://www4.abs.gov.au/ausstats/notifications.nsf>

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to email us at demography@abs.gov.au.

Congratulations to Paul Williams who was awarded the public service medal for “Outstanding public service through leadership of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing and to census data collection, nationally and internationally”

NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

New media releases and publications:

- **Disability support services 2005-06: National data on services provided under the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement** (26 October 2007) ([media release](#) and [publication](#))
- **Annual report 2006-07** (25 October 2007) ([publication](#))
- **Indigenous mothers and their babies, Australia 2001-2004** (24 October 2007) ([media release](#) and [publication](#))
- **Australian asthma indicators: five year review of asthma monitoring in Australia** (22 October 2007) ([publication](#))
- **Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06** (18 October 2007) ([media release](#) and [publication](#))
- **Food-related anaphylaxis is on the rise in Australia** (11 October 2007)

For details visit the web-site: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/index.cfm>

NEWS FROM STATE AND TERRITORY DEMOGRAPHERS: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

New Population Projections for South Australia Released

The new population projections are now available via the Population Projections Enquiry System on Planning SA's public internet site, <http://www.planning.sa.gov.au> <<http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/>> To enter the system users should select Population Projections Enquiry System from the Online Services side-bar on the home page.

A report about the projections for South Australia and its Statistical Divisions may also be downloaded from the Publications section of this web site or via a link in the Population Projections Enquiry System.

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