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Mission Statement

The Population Research Institute is a multidisciplinary center that delivers resources that support innovative population research. PRI promotes a dynamic, talented, and collaborative research community with over 100 faculty researchers. Established over four decades ago at the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) and funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1992 with generous supplemental support from PSU, this vibrant, multidisciplinary center provides strategic resources to support innovative, high impact population research.

Departmental Affiliations

- African American & African Studies
- Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
- Anthropology
- Biobehavioral Health
- Economics
- Education and School Psychology and Special Education
- Education Theory and Policy
- Geography
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Health Policy and Administration
- Labor Studies and Employment Relations
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health Sciences
- Public Policy
- Sociology and Criminology
- Statistics
- Women's Studies

**Number of Faculty
Affiliates:** 98

Key Areas of Research

- **Communities, Neighborhoods and Spatial Processes**
- **Migration, Immigration and Immigrant Integration**
- **Families, Networks and Wellbeing in a Changing World**
- **Population Health and Health Disparities**

Domestic Research Projects

- Air Force Medical Operations Agency Mental Health Division Research Project
- Benefit Generosity, Specialty Drug Use, and Other Health Service Use in Medicare
- Connecting Population Health Scientists across Disciplines: Generating Evidence, Informing Research Translation and Fostering a Culture of Health
- Economic Context and Health over the Lifecourse
- Economic Restructuring, Demographic Change, and Income Inequality In Rural America
- Educational Integration Across Generations Among Mexicans and Other National Origin Groups
- Effects of Rental Assistance on Type 2 Diabetes Self-Management and Control
- Exploring How State Education Policies in the Use of School Punishment and Special Education Affect Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities: A Multilevel and Longitudinal Study
- Family contexts, racial and ethnic characteristics, and the implications of adoption for the wellbeing of children
- Friendship Networks and Emergence of Substance Use
- Generalizability and Replicability of Twitter Data for Population Research
- Illegal Immigration, Immigration Enforcement Policies, and American Citizens' Victimization Risk
- Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging
- National Assessment of Victimization Risk and Crime Reporting Among U.S. Citizens and Non-Citizens
- Residential Characteristics and Child Health and Well-Being
- School Attendance Zone Boundaries and the Connection to Neighborhoods, Segregation, and Access to Educational Opportunity
- Social Network Interventions to Reduce Race Disparities in Living Kidney Donation
- System and Social Determinants of the Health of Foster Children
- Understanding Natural Resource-Related Economic Development in Rural America
- Vocabulary and Reading Difficulties in Preschool and 1st Grade and their Consequences for Mathematics and Science Achievement
- Who Receives and Benefits from Special Education in the U.S.?
- Zero Suicides - Safe Kids: Supporting Empowering Students At-Risk

International Research Projects

- Crossnational Comparisons of Kinlessness and Health: Past, Present and Future
- Environmental Change and Undernutrition among Women and Children
- Evolutionary Dynamics of Religion, Family Size and Child Success
- Family Migration Context and Early Life Outcomes
- Fathers' Time Spent with Sons and Daughters
- People, Place, and Payments in a Complex Human-Environment System
- Pharmacy Antimicrobial Stewardship and Economic Program (PhASE) for Community Pharmacists in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal
- Promoting Research and Discovery on Global Religion

Regional Research Projects

- Activity space and measuring environmental exposure in behavioral research
- Big Data and Network Analysis of Children's Health
- Economic Implications of Pennsylvania's Foreign-Born Population
- Emerging Adulthood for Foster Care Youth
- Food Insecurity Among Homeless and Precariously Housed Children and Families
- Marcellus Shale Income Gains (MSIG) Natural Experiment
- Pursuing Opportunities for Long-term Arctic Resilience for Infrastructure and Society
- Pennsylvania Population Network

In the News

- "COVID-19" pandemic exacerbating senior isolation risk, study shows" *ABC27*, December 2020
- "PA workers navigate often unreliable jobless benefits" *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, December 2020
- "The Gender Wage Gap Shrinks, While the Parenthood Gap Grows", *IFStudies*, November 2020
- "For every COVID-19 death, nine relatives suffer" *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, June 2020
- "Health officials failed to safeguard trust in PA's coronavirus data, sowing confusion, *Spotlight PA*, June 2020
- "How siblings' gender can affect a child's development", *New York Times*, March 2020
- "It's one of the most fraught words in education." *Education Week*, January 2020

Funding Sources

- Centre for Rural Pennsylvania
- Centers for Disease Control
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- Institute for Educational Sciences
- Institute for Research on Poverty
- Lilly Endowment
- National Institute of Justice
- National Institute on Aging
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Russell Sage Foundation
- Spencer Foundation
- Templeton Foundation
- US Air Force Research Laboratory
- US Department of Agriculture

Organizational Collaborations

- Centro de Pesquisa em Populacao e Saude, Mozambique
- Global Center for Applied Health Research, Arizona State University
- Institute for Social and Environmental Research-Nepal
- Ohio State University
- PA State Data Center
- San Diego State University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- U.S. Census Bureau
- University of Ghana
- University of Michigan
- University of Otago, New Zealand
- University of Wisconsin
- Yale University