



# What Will the PAA Look Like in 2020?

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PAA: a scientific, professional organization whose purpose is to promote and disseminate research on population issues.



## **PAA Activities**

- Maintenance
- Annual Meeting
  - Sessions
  - Awards
  - Special events
- Publications (Demography)
- Public Affairs

## **Participation**

PAA Office

Program Committee

Organizers, Presenters, Discussants

Award Committees

Other Committees

Editors, Publications Committee

Public Affairs Committee

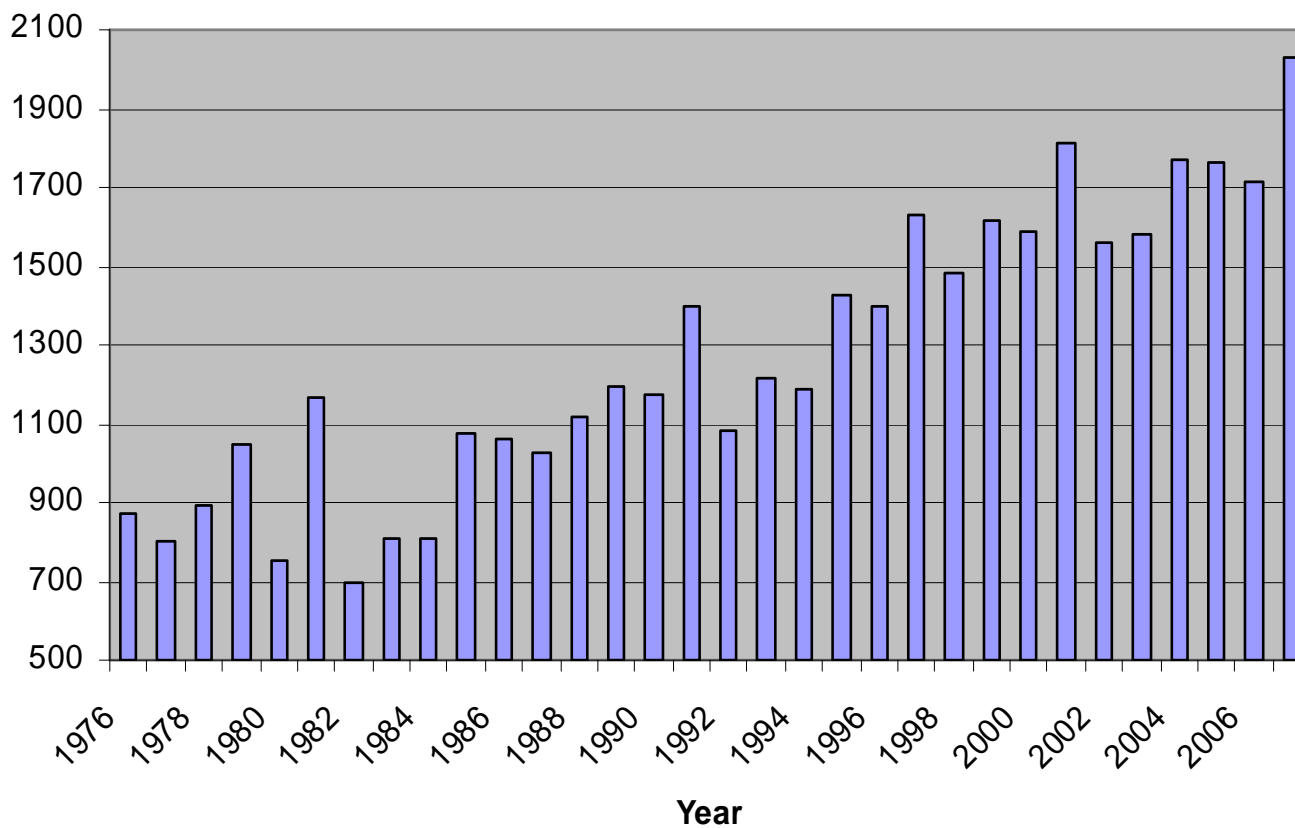


“The people we interviewed believe PAA is recognized first and foremost for its annual meeting. When respondents noted positive attributes of PAA, the annual meeting usually topped the list. Interviewees believe demographers and those in related fields value the meeting for its scientific integrity, its role in convening an international and interdisciplinary roster of attendees, its cause of advancing the field, and its purpose as a forum for the exchange of ideas.”

The Bella Report.

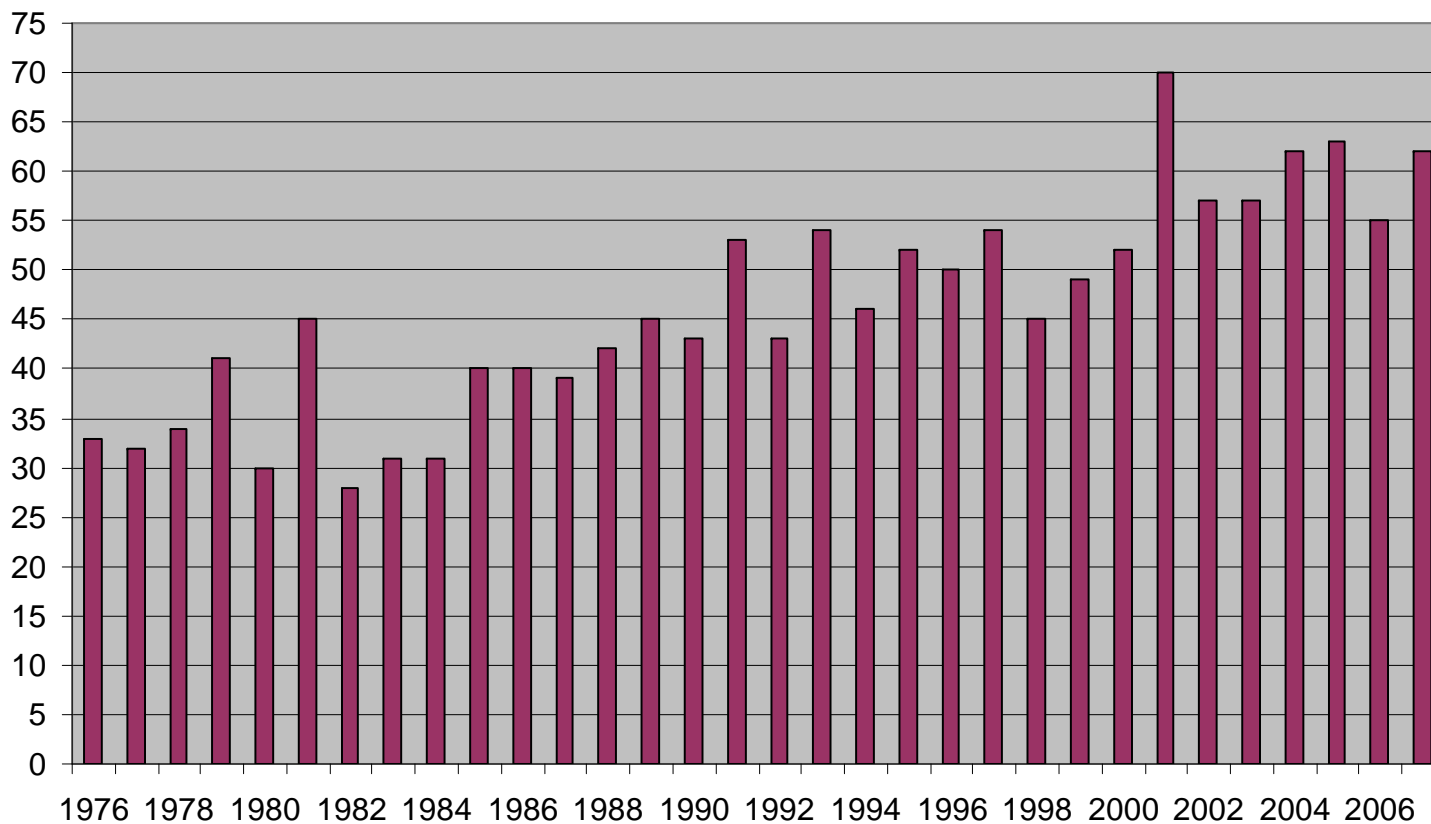


## Annual Meeting Attendance





## Percent of Membership Attending Annual Meeting



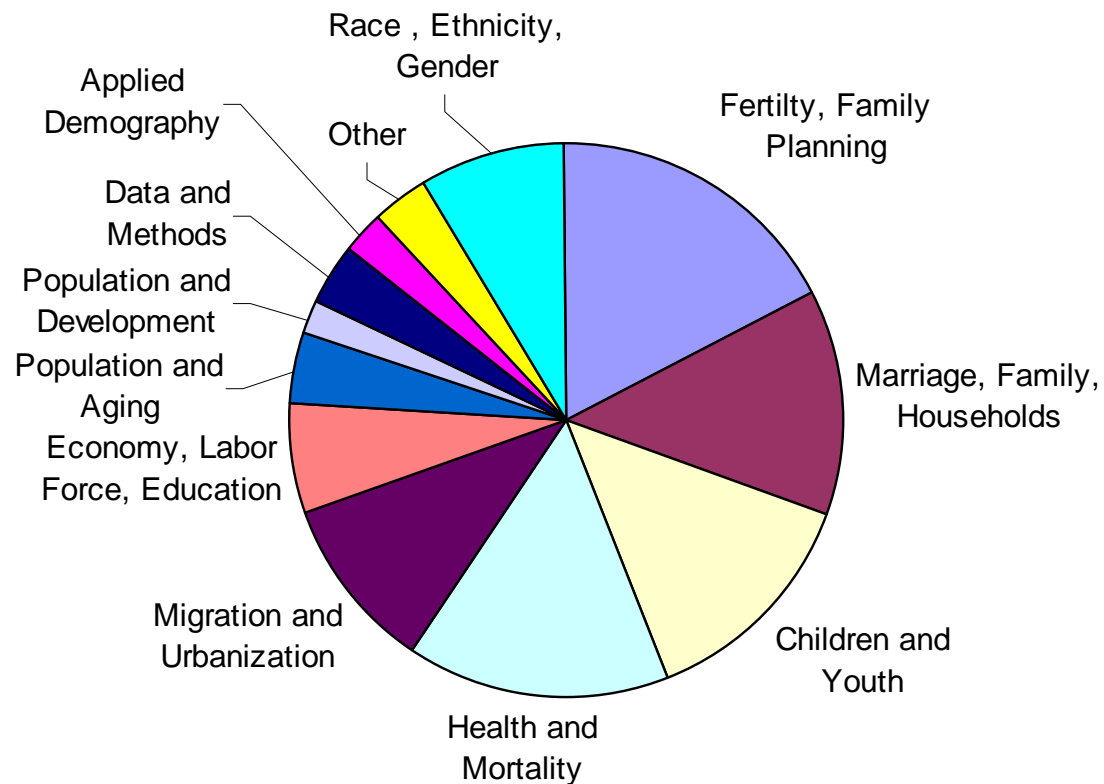


## Broad Thematic Areas

- Fertility, Family Planning
- Marriage, Family, Households
- Children and Youth
- Health and Mortality
- Race, Ethnicity, Gender
- Migration and Urbanization
- Economy, Labor Force, Education
- Population and Aging
- Population and Development
- Data and Methods
- Applied Demography
- Other



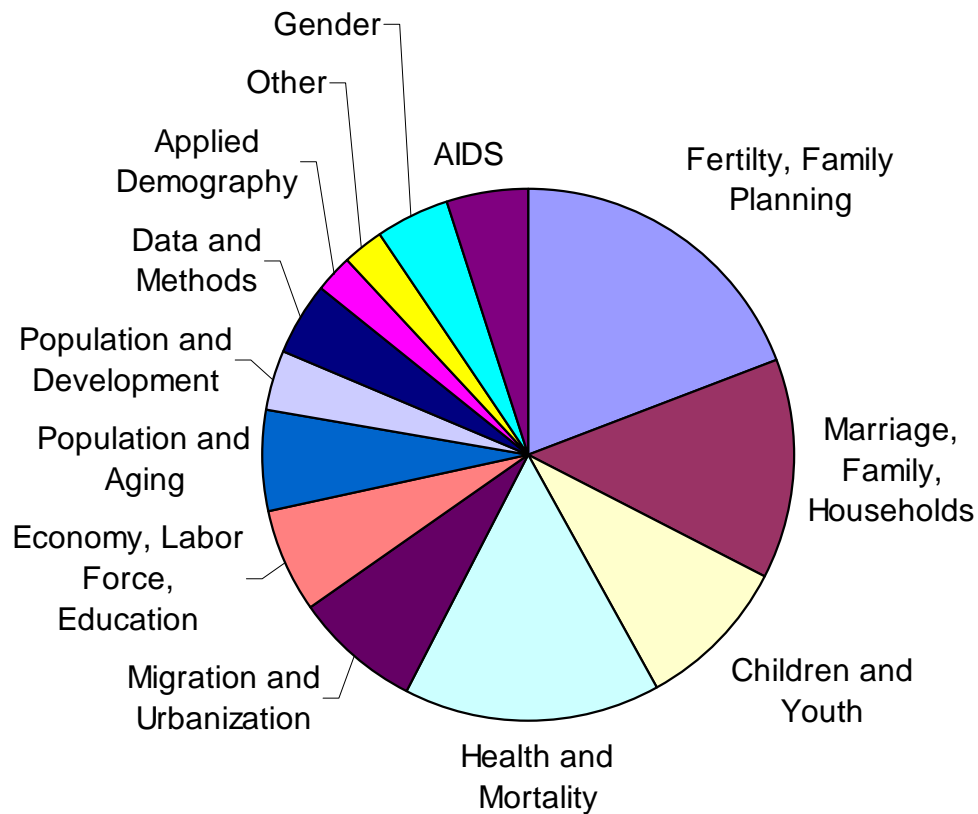
# 2008 Submissions





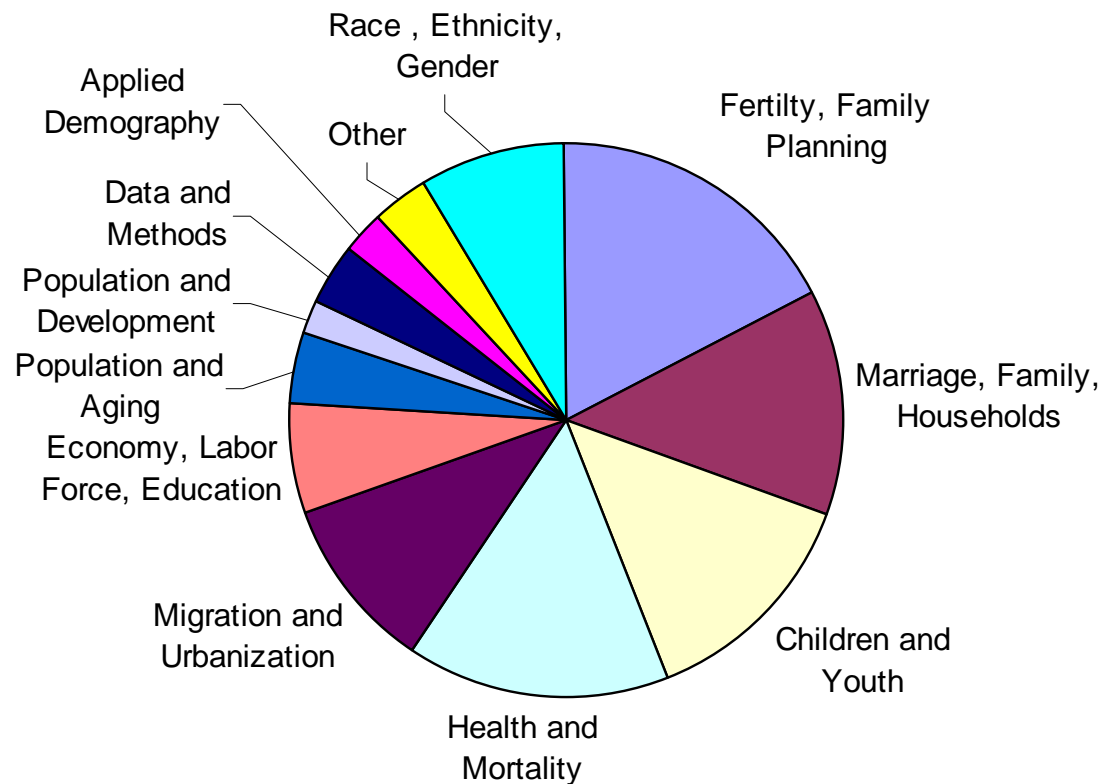


# 2002 Submissions





# 2008 Submissions





## Twelve years from now?

- Policy concerns
- Funding sources
- Scientific developments
- PAA itself



## Ten Key Forecasts for 2017

- Health disparities persist
- Families more complex
- Fertility might decline
- Immigration continues
- Population more diverse

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(NICHD)



## Why Population Aging Matters: Trends

- Elderly population grows
- Life expectancy increases
- Oldest old increase
- Burden of noncommunicable disease grows
- Populations may decline
- Family structure changes
- Patterns of work, retirement shift

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(NIA)



## NICHD DBS Website

- Family, Children, and Intergenerational Research
- Fertility, Infertility, and Reproductive Health
- HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)
- Health, Health Disparities, and Mortality
- Immigrants, Migration, and Population Distribution
- Race, Ethnicity, Population Composition, and Change



## NIA BSR (selected)

- Health Disparities
- Health, Work, and Retirement
- Increasing Health Expectancy
- Genetics, Behavior and the Social Environment



# Scientific Developments

## New Data

Primary : Incorporation of biospecimens

Secondary: geocoded longitudinal data sets

## New Tools

GIS and spatial analysis

Simulations and modeling

Further disciplinary integration, especially health





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## 2020

- Fertility and Reproductive Health
- Family and Households
- Diversity and Inequality
- Immigration, Migration, Spatial distribution
- Economy, Labor Force, Education
- Aging, Disability, Mortality
- Data and Methods
- Applied Demography
- Health and Environment
- Interventions, Evaluation, Policy



## What about PAA itself?

- Overall size
- Disciplinary coverage
- International outreach
- Generational transition