

## The University of Texas at San Antonio

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### Mission Statement

IDSER stimulates and supports transdisciplinary research that extends knowledge on five key areas and informs both policies and practices at the local, state, and national levels. Several of our affiliates teach and mentor MS and PhD students from UTSA's Department of Demography. Housed within IDSER is the Texas Demographic Center, a state entity, which distributes demographic, economic, and related data and information to private and public sector clients in Texas and other parts of the nation. Faculty associated with IDSER are leaders in population science through a variety of positions, including the State Demographer of Texas, the President of the Southern Demographic Association, an Elected Member of the Population Association of America Board of Directors, and the Editors of Population Research and Policy Review..

### Number of Faculty Affiliates: 35

### Departmental Affiliations

- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Demography
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Sociology

## Key Areas of Research

- Health Disparities
- Demography of Latinos
- Spatial Inequalities
- Applied Demography
- Family Demography

## Domestic Research Projects

- Antecedents and Consequences of Alcohol Use Among Latino College Students
- Black White Mortality Differentials
- Contextual Determinants of Sexual Minority Health
- Contextual Influences on the Depth of Despair Among Emerging Adults
- Correlates of Body Weight and Weight Perceptions
- Crime, Health, and Population Survey (CHAPS) 2021
- Data HEART of the United States
- Effects of Measurement Error in the ACS
- Female Labor Force Participation and Mortality
- First-and Continuing-Generation Students, Substance Use, and College Graduation
- Impact of COVID-19 and Social Distancing on Mental Health and Suicide Risk in Veterans
- Impact of COVID-19 on Latinos
- Determinants of Maternal Health among U.S. Latinas
- Legacies of Disadvantage: A Framework for Exploring Deaths of Despair Across Counties
- Life Course and Intergenerational Effects of Criminal Justice Involvement
- Longitudinal Neighborhood Exposure in Childhood and Health in Emerging Adulthood
- Obesity Prevention in Head Start
- Religious Attendance, Health Behaviors, and Health Biomarkers
- Religion, Sociocultural Context, and Adolescent Outcomes
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Among College Students
- Substance Use Disorders and Overdoses Among Hispanics
- Unraveling Mate Selection Processes Through Conjoint Survey Experiments

## International Research Projects

- Health-Related Outcomes in China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Philippines
- HIV Outcomes in Uganda
- Migration and Inequality: The U.S.–Mexico Case
- Global Health Collaboration: Indonesia

## Regional Research Projects

- Data HEART of Texas
- Educational Outcomes of Bexar County Foster Care Youth
- Epidemiologic Study of Eye Health and Cognitive Function Among Latinos in San Antonio
- Factors Associated With Variation in Residential Water Consumption
- Impact of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence in San Antonio
- Head Start and Early Head Start Community Needs Assessments
- Social Determinants of Health Study in San Antonio
- Economic Mobility Study in San Antonio

## In the News

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## Funding Sources

- City of San Antonio
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
- Methodist Healthcare Ministries
- National Institute of Justice
- National Institute of Mental Health
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
- San Antonio Life Science Institute
- San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Department of Family Protective Services
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Texas State Legislature
- Texas Workforce Commission
- U.S. Census Bureau

## Organizational Collaborations

- Bowling Green State University
- Federal State Cooperative for Population Estimates
- Florida State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- RAND Corporation
- Rennes University
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Water Development Board
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS)
- University at Buffalo, SUNY
- University of Michigan (PSID)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas Health at San Antonio
- U.S. Census Bureau