

**Senate Appropriations Committee  
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education  
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**National Institute on Aging**

Demographic Research. - The Committee is greatly concerned by the health and financial threats that dementia-related disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, pose as the U.S. population ages. NIA is urged to respond by investing in the full spectrum of scientific research, including population research, to address the complex nature of dementia-related disorders and its devastating effects on patients, families, and caregivers. This effort should include sustained investment in large-scale longitudinal studies, such as the Health and Retirement Study. The Committee encourages NIA to support research and data collection on the causes of widening disparities in health and longevity at older ages, and the role of social factors, such as education and income, in the health and well-being of older people.

**Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development**

Demographic Research-The NICHD Population Dynamics Branch fosters scientific understanding of changes in human health and development at the population level by supporting research and research training in demography- the scientific study of human populations-and reproductive health. The Committee urges NICHD to sustain this research by making a strong investment in its Population Dynamics Centers Research Infrastructure Program. Further, the Committee supports NICHD's efforts to make wise investments in large-scale longitudinal scientific survey and prioritize data sharing as a condition of award. Making these survey data widely available efficiently promotes and supports broad-based scientific research activities on health and development.