

What You Can Do

We need your help to establish agendas for future meetings and to develop courses, workshops, and tutorials featured at these meetings.

Are you involved in statistical analysis of social and socioeconomic issues in the United States or abroad? Are you concerned about measurement, statistical models, and analysis issues in the field of social statistics?

Please contact us, and you will find many with similar interests. Your ideas and concerns can help us shape this Section's programs. We look forward to hearing from you!

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*Please join us at JSM for our annual **Business Meeting and Mixer**, even if you are not yet a Section member:*

Monday, August 4, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Social Statistics Section Business Meeting, HY-Granite C

Another special event not to miss:

Tuesday, August 5, 10:30
2008 Government Statistics, Social Statistics, and Survey Research Methods Student Paper Awards Session, CC-712

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SSS Mission Statement

The Social Statistics Section seeks to advance research in social statistics, both in areas which involve the use of methods of statistical inquiry, and in those which involve the use of statistical data and the development of statistical measurement. This Section will also plan for active participation in the affairs of the American Statistical Association by those interested in these matters and for representation of activities in this major field in the program of the ASA.

Web Site:

www.amstat.org/sections/ssoc

Social Statistics Section

Who We Are

Social Statistics Section (SSS) members are linked by common concerns focused on both the qualitative and quantitative measurement of social issues and trends, development of statistical models, and analysis of social phenomena. We study income and poverty, demographic characteristics, family composition, health, education, employment, and retirement. Our history began with such distinguished ASA members as the legendary Florence Nightingale and Mollie Orshansky, who pioneered the evolving U.S. definition of poverty.

SSS members come from many fields – demography, sociology, psychology, survey methodology, and statistics. We represent many disciplines – economics, education, health, history, political science, and statistics. We also work in many sectors – private consulting firms; International, Federal, State, and local governments; research institutes; non-governmental organizations; and academia.

If you share our interests, we encourage you to join the Social Statistics Section today.

To join, access the ASA Chapter and Section Membership Application at www.amstat.org/membership/chapsection.pdf.

What We Do

One of our major activities is organizing invited and contributed sessions for the annual Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). We also arrange roundtables and short courses. Participating in the JSM sessions enables our members to keep up with the latest achievements and findings in our field. It also provides an opportunity to meet other professionals in order to stimulate collaboration and exchange ideas.

The SSS also sponsors students to attend the JSM. With the Government Statistics and Survey Research Methods Sections, SSS sponsors a student paper competition where winners present their papers at a special JSM session.

How We Reach Out

We are always looking for ways to collaborate with other organizations that have similar goals. This helps us to assess the future direction of social statistics. As an example, at JSM 2006, SSS partnered with the Population Association of America on a topic contributed panel session on the American Community Survey.

We also maintain strong ties with other ASA Sections -- especially with the Government Statistics Section and the Survey Research Methods

Section. We publish a joint newsletter and have a special discounted joint membership with the Government Statistics Section.

We also share 20 years of common history and co-sponsor numerous awards with both these Sections. These efforts include SSS members serving on the following awards committees: the Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics, the Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship, and the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award.

On the international front, we discuss issues faced by other nations in health, demographics, human rights, and refugee matters. We maintain contact with the International Statistical Institute and keep members informed through newsletters, columns in *Amstat News*, and on our Web site: www.amstat.org/sections/ssoc/.

What We Are Planning

We are already working on a dynamic program for JSM 2009. We will also be organizing continuing education courses, paying JSM registration for student competition winners, and collaborating with outside organizations sharing common interests. We hope you will join us in this process.