

National Longitudinal Surveys of the Labor Market Experience, 1966-1983 (Mature Men, 1983) (ICPSR 7610)
 Offender Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) 1982: California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Minnesota, New York, Virginia, Virgin Islands (ICPSR 8408)
 Old Age in the United States 1880 and 1900 (ICPSR 8427) (ICPSR 8428)
 Research on Minorities [1981]: Race and Crime in Atlanta and Washington DC (ICPSR 8459)
 SETUPS: Voting Behavior. The 1984 Election (ICPSR 8430)
 State Legislative Committee Systems in the United States, 1981 (ICPSR 8389)
 Turnout in State Gubernatorial Primary Elections 1950-1982 (ICPSR 8390)
 United States Microdata Samples Extract File. 1940-1980: Demographics of Aging (ICPSR 8353)
 Washington Post/ABC News Survey of Vietnam-Era Veterans, 1985 (ICPSR 8446)
 Words and Deeds in Soviet Military Expenditures, 1955-1983 (ICPSR 8188)

OVERSEAS DATA SETS RECEIVED

ESRC Data Archive, University of Essex

Graham, B.D. (School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex).

Uttar Pradesh Election Data 1952-1972 (ESRC Study No. 2054).

Zentralarchiv fur empirische Sozialforschung, Koln

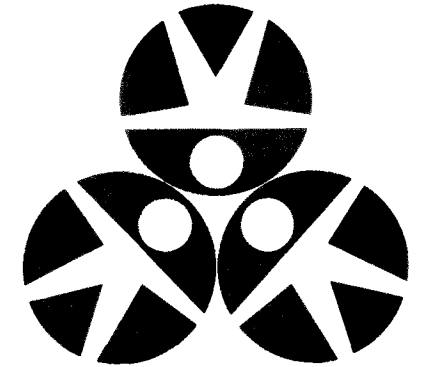
Eight Country Data for "Political Participation. An ISSC Workbook in Comparative Analysis". (Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, United States; Study No's. 1401- 1408) See also the review of the ISSC Workbook, by Professor Aitkin, in ACSPRI Newsletter No.11, March 1985.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Contributions from readers are encouraged and reports on the use of data supplied through ACSPRI would be of particular interest. Contributions and enquiries about ACSPRI should be addressed to:

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ACSPRI Summer Program 1986

The second highly successful ACSPRI Summer Program in Quantitative Social Science Methods was held at UNSW from 1-14 February, with 84 students completing 103 mainstream course units during the fortnight.

The introductory stream, this year based around SPSS-X, again attracted 20 students, with John Pidgeon and Brian Phillips introducing the students to the procedures and interpretation of univariate and bivariate analyses, hypothesis testing and model building using regression over the two week course. John and Brian also taught the well attended Maths for Social Scientists courses.

A further 44 participants in the first week were divided between courses on Multiple Regression (Bob Cushing), Exploratory Data Analysis (Noel Crockett and Don McNeil), GLIM (Michael Adena), Analysis of Contingency Tables - Association and Flow Graphs (John Dehoog) and Survey Research Design (Denise Lievesley). Nineteen of these stayed on for the second week and with 20 new arrivals, took courses on Advanced Multiple Regression (Bob Cushing), Log-Linear Modelling in SPSS-X (Michael Adena), Secondary Data Analysis in Social Research (Ken Polk and David Tait) and Analysis of Survey Errors (Denise Lievesley).

On behalf of ACSPRI I would like to thank the School of Sociology for hosting this year's program: Danny Hasofer for organising on-site facilities and, with Martin Waterworth, providing computer instruction to participants; Jennifer Wilkinson for setting new photocopying records and providing essential catering services (great coffee and biscuits!); and to the British Council for providing funds to cover Denise Lievesley's international

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airfare. And finally our special thanks to all the teaching staff who contributed so much time and effort to the Program.

Next year's program will be held in Canberra at the ANU in the first two weeks of February. If you would like to obtain details of the Program as they become available, contact the SSDA (062-494400) or your local ACSPRI representative.

ICPSR Summer Program July-August 1986

The ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods will be held at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in two sessions, the first from 30 June - 25 July, and the second from 28 July - 22 August.

Some financial support to cover travel costs (paid on arrival) is available to applicants from ACSPRI member institutions. Applications must reach the office of the Summer Program by 25 April, so anyone wishing to attend should contact the SSDA (062-494400) quickly.

A Program booklet has been distributed to all ACSPRI representatives giving details of the courses and application procedures. Additional copies and application forms are available from the SSDA.

ICPSR Guide

The ICPSR Guide to Resources and Services, 1985-1986, the official catalogue of the data holdings of ICPSR has now been released. Copies of the Guide have been distributed to ACSPRI representatives at ACSPRI member institutions. A limited number of copies are available from the SSDA at a cost of \$12.

ABS UNIT RECORD FILE RELEASENew South Wales Energy Survey

In October 1984 the ABS conducted a survey throughout New South Wales to obtain information relating to the numbers and types of selected domestic appliances held by households and major appliances/facilities acquired by households in the last 12 months. Details were also sought from the relevant energy supplying authorities on the consumption of electricity and reticulated gas by households for the most recent 12 month period available. Results of the survey have been released through two publications:

- New South Wales Energy Survey: Part 1, Household Appliances, Facilities, Insulation and Appliance Acquisition, October 1984 - Catalogue No.8211.1 (May 1985)

- New South Wales Energy Survey October 1984: Part 2, Household Energy Consumption - Catalogue No.8212.1 (December 1985)

A magnetic tape file is now available containing data for each household in the sample for the New South Wales Energy Survey (see Catalogue No.8215.1). The scope and coverage of the survey are described in the Explanatory notes to publication 8212.1 Each record contains information relating to one household.

The survey was conducted as a supplement to the Australia-wide monthly population survey. The broad aim was to obtain information to assist the analysis of patterns of domestic energy and appliance utilization and to aid the forecasting of future domestic energy consumption in the State. Interviews were carried out over a period of two weeks beginning on 8 October 1984.

Geographic regions covered were Sydney East; Sydney West; Newcastle, Wollongong; North Coast; Central; South East; Far and South West. Dwelling details include type of dwelling; material of outer walls; type of insulation in the roof and walls; and whether the dwelling is owned or being

purchased by the usual residents, or is otherwise occupied. Facilities and appliances include major domestic appliances; water heating facilities; room heating; air conditioning and swimming pools. Other information on annual household income and household composition was collected, and the file contains sample weights for each household.

This survey is an extension of the National Energy Survey 1982-83. Details of data releases and associated publications for this survey have been published in ACSPRI Newsletter No.11, March 1985.

MICROCOMPUTERS - SOFTWARE INFO

The following brief details on new and updated software packages have been extracted from European Political Data Newsletters No's. 55 and 56. Viewing copies are available at the SSDA.

* BMDP Statistical Software has made available BMDPC for use with the IBM Personal Computer and compatibles. Twenty-one of BMDP's most frequently used programs have been included, and the remainder will be progressively introduced. BMDP also developed an interactive data manipulation system, called DATAMAN, designed to organise data for analysis. It includes procedures to merge files, sort, transform, print and compute summary statistics, and to transpose values. DATAMAN will read rectangular, nonrectangular and hierarchical files. The BMDP Line Editor, BLE, has also been made available with BMDPC, and will permit the editing of program instructions when running BMDP interactively.

Further information from

BMDP Statistical Software,
1964 Westwood Blvd., Suite 202,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90025, U.S.A.

* TSP Version 4.0, useful for statistical and econometric data

analysis, has introduced new features, including Box-Jenkins identification, estimation, and forecasting for univariate time series; random number generator; and advanced hypothesis testing. TSP is available on IBM, VAX/CMS and Prime. CDC, Honeywell/GLOS, DEC20, Univac 1100 series, and ICL versions are in preparation.

Information from

TSP International,
204 Junipero Serra Blvd.,
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA 94305, U.S.A.

* SAS Inc. has announced a SAS system on the IBM PC under PC DOS, with a scheduled release for the third quarter of 1985.

The PC DOS SAS System is fully compatible with its mainframe and mini-computer counterparts. It allows PC users greater flexibility in choosing where and how SAS jobs are executed. The SAS language, syntax and commands work the same way in all operating environments. The system is delivered on diskette and allows users to create and run SAS jobs without connecting to the mainframe, although a PC-to-mainframe link is available if required. Users can test and develop applications in the PC and then upload them to mainframe for production runs with larger files. Conversely, smaller applications can be downloaded to the PC to save mainframe resources.

Another new software product SAS/IML, is targeted at engineers, mathematicians, and statisticians. SAS/IML applications include predicting population trends, performing exploratory data analysis and solving non-linear optimisation problems.

For further information contact the Marketing Department

SAS Institute GmbH,
Rohrbacher Str. 22,
D-6900 HEIDELBERG 1
WEST GERMANY

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* PC FIT is a fully interactive program for fitting continuous distributions to a set of observations. The program provides fits to the normal, lognormal, exponential, Weibull, gamma, beta, logistics, extreme-value, Wald, truncated normal, and truncated lognormal distributions by maximum likelihood algorithms. The program uses a common-level language that includes commands for interactive distribution fitting, transformation and editing of data, data-base management, high-resolution graphics, descriptive statistics, and printer support.

PC FIT is written in 1,500 lines of BASIC and is available for the IBM Computers with 128k. To obtain a free copy of the compiled PC FIT, contact

William P. Smith (PM-223),
Environmental Protection Agency,
401 M Street, S.W.,
WASHINGTON, DC 20460, U.S.A.

From "Secrets of Lisa Macintosh", an Occasional Newsletter Published by the ANU Apple Consortium User Group, No.6, February 21, 1986.

* The Australian Defence Force Academy has developed two programs which may be of interest to people wishing to process images on the Macintosh. The first is a "Mickey Mouse" BASIC program to read a MacPaint document as a normal pixel array for subsequent processing. Inquiries about this may be direct to Malcom Smith, Computer Centre, ADFA. The second is a program written by Ivor Hind which enables processing of Thunderscanned images. Inquiries may be directed to John Baird, Department of Mechanical Engineering, ADFA.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Dynamic Data Base at the ISI Research Centre

The Dynamic Data Base (DDB) was created by the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and the International

Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), with the aim of stimulating and supporting analysis and utilization of statistical data, particularly in demographic areas. The DDB is managed on a day to day basis by the ISI Research Centre (ISIRC).

The initial legacy of data was that collected under the World Fertility Survey (WFS) programme, in which, forty-two developing and twenty developed countries carried out national fertility surveys in the period 1973 to 1982. The DDB holds forty-one of the forty-two developing country data sets, and is systematically adding the data for the developed countries. Developing country files comprise individual data for women in the eligible reproductive age range, household data from interviews with a household head, and in some cases, miscellaneous data sets with community level data, husbands' surveys and post-enumeration surveys. For most surveys, it is possible to match household and individual files.

The ISIRC through the DDB also supports and distributes a collection of software tools for survey processing and analysis, some of which are specifically designed for fertility history analysis. Most, however, can be used for general statistical data processing. Software documentation can be found in the publication Software User's Manual, WFS Basic Documentation No.12, ISI.

All data collected in the WFS programme remain the property of the individual participating countries, and each country specifies the conditions under which their data may be released.

Further information may be obtained directly from

Mr John Cleland,
Head, Dynamic Data Base,
ISI Research Centre,
428 Prinses Beatrixlaan,
P.O. Box 950,
NL-2270 AZ VOORBURG,
THE NETHERLANDS

or by contacting the SSDA.

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Love and Work and the Quality of Life in Canada: A Nation-Wide Survey, 1982

The Machine Readable Archives Bulletin (Vol.3, No.3, Fall 1985) of Public Archives, Canada, contains details of this recently acquired data file which will be made available to researchers for secondary analysis.

In April 1982, 34,000 Canadians responded to a pretested questionnaire published in the "Today" magazine, a weekly publication with an estimated readership at the time of 5.1 million, which asked them to comment on their experience of the quality of life in Canada. They answered questions about how satisfied they are with their lives, about their friendships, their marriage (or single life), their job, their financial situation, their living arrangements, their community life, their emotional and physical well-being, their level of education, their sense of community, their religion, and how much control they feel they have over their lives.

The questionnaire incorporated several widely used quality of life measures, scales of well being and life satisfaction, as well as background variables on age, income, level of education, occupation, religion, attendance at religious services, sexual orientation and gender. From the original 34,000 replies, 31,516 usable responses were obtained after initial sorting and precoding, and from this, a population-based ratio sample of 7,062 was chosen for analysis. Ratios were derived for each municipality by gender and were based on the ratio of the adult population of each municipality by gender relative to the total adult population of all twenty-three municipalities.

Researchers interested in obtaining further information, and copies of the data set should contact the SSDA.

U.S. Microdata Samples Files: The Demographics of Aging

The National Archives of Computerized Data on Aging, which is being jointly

developed by ICPSR and the Institute of Gerontology, has released details on a microdata sample extract file on the elderly population in the U.S. Reprinted below are details from the NACDA Bulletin Vol.4, No.1, Fall 1985. The cumulative file has the ICPSR study number 8353; data sets and documentation can be obtained through the SSDA.

"To facilitate research on the changing characteristics of the elderly population, NACDA is preparing an extract file with data from the U.S. Census Bureau's decennial PUBLIC USE MICRODATA sample files. This cumulative file will simplify comparisons of the experiences of differing birth cohorts in such areas as occupational status, living arrangements, and financial well-being. Data from 1970 and 1980 are now available in a single combined file; the complete 1940-1980 cumulative file will be available in the second half of 1986.

A stratified sampling design was employed to select person-level records along three dimensions: age (18-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+), race (white, non-white), and sex (male, female). Approximately five hundred records were chosen from each of the twenty-eight unique age-race-sex categories. A weight variable is included in the file for use with the stratified sample.

Each record in the file contains information on the selected person plus information about the household, the head of the household, the spouse of the householder, and aggregate information on all other persons in the household. Included in each record is a complete listing of the age, sex, education, marital status, income, and relationship to

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householder of every adult in the household.

Variables, which have been recoded for comparability across years, include labor force status, year last worked, income by source, and periods of military duty among others. Some items which could not be recoded across years are retained in the file and are well-documented. These include the 1970 and 1980 Census Occupation and Industry codes."

CONFERENCESStatistical Society of Australia

The 8th Annual Statistical Conference will be held at the University of Adelaide from 25-29 August 1986. The conference will focus on analysis of spatial data; geostatistics; mathematical genetics; conditional inference and medical statistics. Other sessions will include nearest neighbour methods in field trials, teaching of statistics, quality control and statistical computing. Further information can be obtained from

Dr Graham Constantine,
CSIRO DMS,
Private Bag No.2,
Glen Osmond SA 5064

International Association for Statistical Computing

The 7th International Symposium on Computational Statistics (COMPSTAT 86) will include the presentation of papers on computational statistics, numerical and algorithmic aspects of statistical methods and their applications, and relevant new techniques in computer science. Special sessions are planned for the introduction and demonstration of statistical packages, data banks and technical equipment. Intending participants must register with the conference office before 1 August, 1986. Address inquiries to

COMPSTAT 86,
Dipartimento di Statistica,
Probilita e Statistiche applicate,
Piazzale A. Moro, 5,
J-00185, ROME, ITALY

Information Online 87

After the success of the First Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition sponsored by the Information Science Section of the Library Association of Australia, held in Sydney in January 1986, plans are underway for the 1987 Exhibition. This will be held at the Sydney Hilton from 25 to 28 January 1987. Information on published proceedings from Online 86, as well as details for Online 87, can be obtained from

Brenda Pittard,
Publications Officer,
Library Association of Australia,
376 Jones Street,
ULTIMO, N.S.W. 2007

International Symposium on Probability and Bayesian Statistics, 23-26 September 1986, Innsbruck, Austria. Information: Professor R. Viertl, Institut für Statistik und Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie, Technische Universität Wien, A-1040 Vienna, Austria.

International Congress of Mathematicians, 3-11 August 1986, University of California, Berkeley, USA. Information: ICM-86, Post Office Box 6887, Providence, Rhode Island 02940 USA.

The Mathematical Theory of the Dynamics of Biological Systems, 7-9 July 1986, Oxford, UK. Information: The Deputy Secretary, The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, Maitland House, Southend-on-sea, Essex SS1 2JY, UK.

Social Welfare Research Centre, UNSW

Three seminars which may be of interest are:

Income Security for Families: Current arrangements and alternative approaches with Ann Harding (DSS) and Peter Whiteford (SWRC); 11th April, 1986.

The Labour Market, Youth Programmes and Poverty - Joan Vipond (SWRC) and Richard Sweet (NSW Dept. of Technical and Further Education); 9th May, 1986.

The New Child Welfare: Old Issues Redefined? - Tania Sweeney (SWRC) and Elizabeth Fernandez (Social Work, UNSW); 6th June, 1986.

Further information can be obtained from Rosemary Hooke, Publications and Information Officer, Social Welfare Research Centre, University of New South Wales (ph 02-697 5150).

OVERSEAS ARCHIVES

The following details of overseas archives have been extracted from the European Political Data Newsletters No's.55 June 1985, and No.56 September 1985.

ADPSS

The Archivio Dati e Programmi Per Le Scienze Sociali (ADPSS) based in Milan, is part of Istituto Superiore di Sociologia, which is an institute sponsored by the four universities of Milan, the university of Pavia, and by other local agencies. ADPSS has a special interest in ecological data files and survey data in urban and political studies. Current data holdings include Italian census of housing and population data for 1961, 1971 and 1981; election data in historical series, since World War II; demographic data for regions and communes, and for cities and large urban areas; and data on the composition of municipal governments.

An ADPSS booklet containing a directory of all ADPSS publications can be obtained from

ADPSS,
Via G. Cantoni 4,
I-20144 MILAN,
ITALY

SSDA at Jerusalem

The Social Science Data Archive at the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was established in 1975. It holds machine-readable data collected by governmental, academic and commercial agencies, and makes this data available to the academic community for secondary analysis. Priority is given to the acquisition of social and economic data in Israel, although the Archive also incorporates data from foreign agencies. Principal sources of data in Israel are the Central Bureau of Statistics, which conducts national surveys and censuses, and the Bank of Israel, for which the Archive maintains and updates part of the national monetary time series. Other organisations which regularly supply data are the Brookdale Institute and the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies. A major Archive project in the future will be the expansion of current monetary time series into a data bank of the national accounting series.

The SSDA publishes a twice-yearly bulletin and further information can be obtained from them at

Faculty of Social Sciences,
Mount Scopus Campus,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem,
ISRAEL

The Social Research Informatics Society in Hungary

The Social Research Informatics Society (hereafter using the Hungarian abbreviation, TARKI) is a data bank established for the purpose of collecting and storing well documented data of sociological surveys worthy of secondary and comparative analysis.

The data bank archives

- materials of research projects financed partly or fully by the KKFA (Central Research Development Fund), if the authoritative Coordinating Council decides accordingly,

- data offered for the purposes of archive processing by members of the

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TARKI,

- materials of any research project by any research centre if the research place concerned agrees that the data can be used in some form, including research materials gained by the Programme Bureau on a summary basis concerning data collection by the KSH (Central Statistical Office).

All Hungarian research centres and other institutions are entitled to use the data bank if they pay the related fee and pledge to refer in all their works drawing from the data bank (research report and proposal, etc.) to both the original data supplier and the TARKI.

Private persons enjoying no institutional support can use the data bank on the basis of individual judgement by the Managing Director, and on the conditions determined by him.

Foreign institutions can use the data bank under conditions defined by the Board of Directors.

Examples of some files stored in the TARKI data bank are:

- Income, way of life and living conditions in 1978. A national 0.25 per cent representative sample, with detailed income data on the basis of occupation, household, housing and family; income situation of the population, of individual groups and strata, their income differences and the sources of differences.

7,947 household cases, 139 variables

18,882 person cases, 155 variables

- Model survey of stratification, 1981-82, several occasions. A national study of settlement, demography, family, origin, course of life, work, occupation, assertion of interest, secondary economy, material living conditions, health, culture and values.

8,695 cases, 480 variables

A second file based on occupation groupings indicates occupation mobility

between 1980 and 1982

216 cases, 44 variables

A third file provides comparative data on active earners drawn from this survey and the Czechoslovakian micro-census of 1978.

7,260 Czech; 3,219 Slovak and 9,056 Hungarian cases, 36 variables

- Regional data bank. Data from 1960, 1970, 1976, 1979, 1980 on 3,121 settlements, 319 variables

- Living conditions, data and stratification of people living in workers' hostels, 1983.

A national study of social and demographic characteristics, inner stratification, way of life and living conditions comparing those living in and not living in hostels.

578 cases, 340 variables

- Structure '79, the approach between the working class and the intelligentsia in industry.

Part of an international comparative study for the International Working Committee of working conditions, social activity, living conditions, mobility, qualification, culture and leisure time.

2,150 cases, 132 variables

- Course of life of youth in socialist society, 1978.

Part of an international study of school career, workplace adjustment and social mobility.

1,835 cases, 270 variables

A substantial number of files were expected to be archived in 1985 - for a list of titles see European Political Data (EPD) Newsletter, No.55, June 1985, or contact the SSDA.

Norwegian Social Science Data Services

The NSD was formally established in 1971 as an organ of the Norwegian Research Council for Science and the Humanities (NAVF), and has its main office in Bergen. It is a federally structured facility with offices at all the four universities in Norway, and has built up a variety of data resources across the social sciences, with data from surveys, as well as cumulative data banks.

Some of the larger datasets available from the NSD include a Commune Data Base for statistics of all local units of administration in Norway since 1769; census material for 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1980; the Nordic Regional Data Base which covers time series population data for Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland; criminal justice data from 1860 to 1975; Gallup monthly opinion surveys for the twenty years to 1984; surveys conducted by the Norwegian Election Project and surveys from the Central Bureau of Statistics. Inquiries should be directed to

NSD,
Hans Holmboesgate 22,
N-5000 BERGEN, NORWAY

or to the SSDA.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC) (Source: Stats Link No.9, February 1986)

In May 1985 the ABS published the ASGC manual for use in the collection, compilation and publication of its statistics. This manual provides an Australia-wide area classification and coding scheme which enables spatially classified statistics to be produced on a comparable basis and in a cost effective manner.

The spatial units (geographical areas) incorporated in the ASGC cover Census Collection Districts (CD'S); Statistical Local Areas (SLA'S); Statistical

Subdivisions (SSD'S); Statistical Divisions (SD'S); States and Territories (S/T'S); Legal Local Government Areas (Legal LGA'S); Statistical Retail Areas (SRA'S); Urban Centres and (Rural) Localities (UC/L'S); and Sections of States. It is a hierarchic classification system which allows CD'S to be aggregated upwards in parallel streams into progressively larger spatial units.

Copies of the ASGC manual (Catalogue No.1216.0) can be obtained from ABS offices, and will be regularly updated with replacement pages.

Telephone Interviewing

Two reports of studies comparing telephone and face-to-face interviews in the UK are now available. These are

- Market Research Development Fund, Comparing Telephone and Face-to-Face Interviews: A Report on a Methodological Research Survey, June 1985. Available from Phyllis Vangelder, Market Research Society, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PF.

- Sykes, W. and G. Hoinville, Telephone Interviewing on a Survey of Social Attitudes: A Comparison with Face-to-Face Procedures, April 1985. Available from The Publications Officer, SCPR, 35 Northampton Square, London EC1V 0AX

(from SCPR Survey Methods Newsletter, Autumn 1985)

IPSA Congress Microfiche

Microfiche of the full set of over 600 papers presented at the XIIth World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Paris, July 1985, are now available, along with a hard copy index and abstract of all papers. Papers presented at the Congress touch on many of the fields of political study, and represent the latest activities of political scientists throughout the world. This is the fourth in the series of Congress papers available on microfiche, and back copies are available for the years 1976, 1979

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and 1982. Prices for the 1985 series are US\$210 for JPSA Associate members, and US\$280 for non-members. Orders and information can be obtained from

Liette BOUCHER,
International Political Science
Association Secretariat,
c/o University of Ottawa,
OTTAWA, KIN 6N5, CANADA

Publications from the Institute for
Social Research, University of Michigan

The following publications were advertised in the ISR Newsletter Vol.13, No.2, Autumn 1985. ISR also publishes a regular Books in Print catalogue. Orders for these publications and copies of the catalogue may be obtained from

ISR Book Sales,
Institute for Social Research,
The University of Michigan,
PO Box 1248,
ANN ARBOR, MI
48106-1248
U.S.A

- General Interviewing Techniques: A Self-Instructional Workbook for Telephone and Personal Interviewer Training. Pamela J. Guenzel, Tracy F. Berckmans, Charles F. Cannell 1983.

Complete binder package (for supervisors and instructors) / 472 pp. with 90-minute audio cassette tape / 3-ring binder US\$60.

Training package (basic materials and scripts) / 428 pp. / without binder US\$20 / package of 5 or more US\$15 each. Single copies of 90-minute audio cassette tape /US \$12.

- Computer Processing of Social Science Data Using OSIRIS IV. Judith Rattenbury, Paula Pelletier, and Laura Klem. 1984 / 196 pp. / paper US\$20

- A Validation Study of Economic Survey Data. Greg J. Duncan and Nancy A. Mathiowetz, with Charles F. Cannell, Daniel H. Hill, and Michael Ponza. ISR

Research Report. 1985 / 136 pp. / paper US\$18

See also a review of this volume on page 11 of this newsletter.

Special Issue of JOS

The second issue of the new international review journal published by Statistics Sweden, the Journal of Official Statistics, is a special one on questionnaire design. The issue (Vol.1, No.2, 1985) contains the following papers:

- Questionnaire design activities in government statistics offices - Seymour Sudman and Charles D. Cowan.

- Some important issues in questionnaire development - Richard Platek.

- Laboratory and field response research studies for the 1980 Census of Population in the United States - Naomi D. Rothwell.

- Testing/assessing question quality - some Swedish experiences - Mats Thor-slund and Bo Warneryd.

- Informal testing as a means of questionnaire development - Dawn D. Nelson

- Flow charts - a tool for developing and understanding survey questionnaires - Thomas B. Jabine

- Questionnaire design with computer assisted telephone interviewing - Carol C. House

- A comparative study of field office coding - Martin Collins and Gill Courtenay

- Questionnaire measurement of drinking behavior in sample surveys - John C. Duffy

- Telescoping - the skeleton in the recent reading closet - Valentine Appel.

Studies on Australian Immigration

The following publications have recently been published as part of a study being conducted by the Department of Geography, Monash University, with the support of the joint Commonwealth/State Australian Population and Immigration Program.

Working Paper No.7: Migration of the Labour Force between Australian Regions, 1976-1981: General Patterns and Processes by John McKay, Albert Goodman and Ron Savage.

Working Paper No.8: Migration of the Labour Force between Australian Regions, 1976-1981: Impacts on Individual States by John McKay, Albert Goodman and Ron Savage.

Working Paper No.9: Inter-Regional Migration of Some Particular Groups Within the Labour Force, 1976-1981.

Working Paper No.10: Temporal Trends in Australia's Internal Migration: The Accumulating Evidence, 1966-1981 by Chris Maher and John McKay.

Copies of the papers can be obtained from the authors, at the Department of Geography, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168.

BOOK REVIEWS

British Social Attitudes: The 1985 Report, edited by Roger Jowell and Sharon Witherspoon (Gower Press, Aldershot, 1985)

This book is the second annual report of a series of surveys started by Social and Community Planning Research in 1983 and due to continue until at least 1987-1988.

The surveys carried out among a nationwide sample seek to chart changes in British social values during the 1980s in relation to other changes in society. As the editors state, "the purpose of this report, like that of its

predecessor, is to provide readers with a guided tour around some of the survey's principal findings..., to document, summarise and briefly to comment on a selection of findings from the 1984 survey and, where appropriate, to compare them with those obtained in 1983." Many of the questions in the survey are asked annually, particularly those on subjects where the researchers "anticipate fairly rapid movement in attitudes - and for which a year-on-year is therefore likely to be helpful - or on variables such as demographic characteristics or party identification which are needed for interpreting other answers... All questions are (however) scheduled for regular repetition."

This book highlights a selection of the findings from the 1984 round of field-work, in addition to including aggregate answers to every question.

The report includes chapters on shades of opinion; prices, incomes and consumer issues; sex roles and gender issues; attitudes to defence and international affairs; right and wrong in public and private life; local government and the environment; and measuring individual change (results from the panel element). The data for the 1983, 1984, and 1985 Surveys are held at the Data Archives at Essex University, and will be available from the SSDA later in 1986.

(Extracts from ESRC Data Archive Bulletin, No.32, September 1985)

Validation Study of Economic Survey Data, by Greg J. Duncan and Nancy A. Mathiowetz, with Charles F. Cannell, Daniel H. Hill, and Michael Ponza (ISR Research Report, 1985, 136 pages, paper US\$18).

Economic analysts rely heavily on survey data for information about economic phenomena such as earnings, work hours, fringe benefits, and other variables. Yet until recently, there has been no mechanism for measuring the extent to which survey response error affects the reliability of these data.

This new research report describes a validation study that assesses the

quality of data obtained in interview surveys. By comparing the survey responses of workers in a large manufacturing firm to a highly accurate set of company records, the researchers attempt to determine not only how much error exists in interview surveys, but also why errors occur and how they might be eliminated.

Interview questions from ISR's Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) were used in the validation study. Because PSID questions are quite similar to those used in many other economics surveys, it should be possible to generalize the results from this study.

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AUSTRALIAN DATA AVAILABLE

Additions to SSSA holdings are listed below. Please note that some of these carry a special access condition, or "Access Category" which should be interpreted as follows:

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t.b.a: to be advised (currently unknown).

Kelley, Jonathan et al. Australian National Social Science Survey, 1984: Urban Sample (SSDA Study No. 347)

The first major Australia-wide multi-purpose social survey began in 1983, from which this data set, the urban sample, has been obtained. The Survey's purpose is to collect both basic and topical social and political data on a wide range of items, similar to national social surveys conducted overseas.

The questionnaire covers attitudes toward how much money is spent on foreign aid, defence, unemployment, medical and social services, education, roads, science, aborigines, and drug abuse; other issues such as inflation, taxation, crime and punishment, business affairs, uranium, poverty, and migrants; feelings toward major Australian political figures, Mr Reagan, Mrs Thatcher, certain social and national groups, and certain countries; confidence in institutions such as banks, police, government, political parties, the military, universities and schools, the press, companies, trade unions and small business; and perceived economic and social priorities for Australia over the next ten years.

Behavioural questions include personal feelings about life, such as loneliness, happiness, satisfaction, level of control, and identity; health, the need for medical services and the availability of trustworthy friends; language capabilities (using a sentence completion test); voting patterns, political leanings, willingness to act to change things, and perceptions of personal feelings of power; religious beliefs and priorities; moral reactions to sex, abortion, pornography, and facets of human nature; and relationships with parents and children. Background variables include family history; occupation, hours worked and type of employer; education; ethnic group and race; age; sex; current state and size of town; place of upbringing; number of years in current area; home ownership; marital status; and number, sex and age of children.

Access Category S

Jaensch, Dean and Peter Loveday Northern Territory Urban Voters Survey 1982 (SSDA Study No.368)

A study of population mobility and party allegiance in the urban population of the Northern Territory was carried out in order to examine whether Territorians see themselves as being "different" and are in fact different to other Australians, with consequent political implications.

Topics investigated include past and present voting preferences; attitudes towards political parties, their leaders and policies; attitudes towards class mobility and conflict; perceived power groups; and problems facing the Northern Territory. Background variables include age; sex; country of origin; state of origin; racial identification; marital status; occupation of self, spouse, parents and parents-in-law; duration of NT residence; union membership, club and association membership; level of education; religion.

Access Category none

Sport, Recreation and Tourism Department Activity Levels of Australians, June/July 1985 (SSDA Study No.370)

This study is one of a group of surveys conducted at six month intervals for the purpose of establishing accurate data on the proportion of the population which is regularly and persistently active, to assist in planning appropriate recreation and fitness programs.

Respondents were questioned about their participation in physical activity during the two weeks preceding the interview. For a range of sporting and other activities respondents were asked the frequency, the amount of time involved each time, and the level of energy expended on each event. Questions were also asked about activities within organised clubs, advertised or sponsored events, and participation alone or socially. Reasons for inactivity were also obtained.

Background variables include age, sex, marital status, education, occupation, income, state, electorate, birthplace, work status, number of children, religion, type of dwelling, size of town. (see also SSSA Studies No.350, 352 and 353)

Access Category A

Edgar, Don et al Australian Values Study Survey, 1983 (SSDA Study No.375)

The Australian Values Study is part of a major international survey undertaken to compare fundamental values in different countries throughout the world. The study, initially concerned with comparing European values, has now been extended to twenty-four countries and was conducted in Australia in 1983.

The Australian Values Study is seeking to establish the significant characteristics of Australian values and attitudes, by comparison with the findings from the cross-national studies, and by comparison with panel (long-term) values studies being conducted by the Program in Policy Studies at the University of Melbourne. It is specifically concerned with the dynamic relationship between attitudes and behaviours of individuals with regard to the following study fields: leisure; work and job satisfaction; financial and economic situation; contemporary social issues; current affairs; market response to product purchase; family and home life; religion and the meaning and purpose of life; voting intentions (state and federal) and life satisfaction.

Access Category S

McRae, Ian et al Australian Longitudinal Survey, 1984, Wave 1, Level 1 (SSDA Study No.377)

This is the first wave of the Australian Longitudinal Survey which will run each year from 1984 until at least 1987. This 1984 wave surveyed a sample of 3000 people aged 15-24, drawn from Commonwealth Employment Service registers. After 1984 this group will be surveyed

again and be supplemented by a similarly continuing population survey of 9000 people of the same age cohort drawn randomly across Collectors' Districts matching the CBS offices from which the list sample was selected.

The survey is aimed principally at examining questions related to long-term unemployment which are difficult to address using available sources of cross-sectional data. Labour market variables include job history, job search behaviour, job training and transition from school/study to work. Background variables and topics related to the main labour market theme include education, occupation, health, and attitudes to women working. Basic demographic variables include age, sex, size of household, country of birth, racial origin, parental education and occupation, spouse's education and occupation, religion, income and whether resident in an urban or rural area.

Access Category S

USIA Studies

The SSDA has recently obtained machine-readable data sets and documentation for six surveys sponsored by the U.S. Information Service and its successor, the U.S. Internal Communication Agency (now the U.S. Information Agency), which were carried out in Australia between 1973 and 1980. These surveys deal particularly with Australians' perceptions of their country's relationship with the United States, and with attitudes to various social, economic and political issues. The Studies are

Attitudes Surveys, International Political and Economic Issues, Australia, 1975 (SSDA Study No.378)

Attitudes Surveys, International Political Issues, General Population, Richman Seven Country Study, Post-China Trip Survey - Australia, France, Italy, Japan, Philippines, United Kingdom, West Germany, 1973 (SSDA Study No.379)

USIA Attitude Surveys, International and Political Issues, Australia, Vietnam Rider, 1975 (SSDA Study No.380)

USIA Attitude Surveys, General Population - Urban/Regional, Australia, Multi-regional Survey, 1980 (SSDA Study No.381)

Continuing Audience Analysis Program (CAAP II) Australia, 1975 (SSDA Study No.382)

USIA Attitude Surveys, International Economic Issues, Australian Attitude, 1978 (SSDA Study No.383)

These studies will be fully documented for secondary analysis, and should be available to interested researchers later in 1986. Further information can be obtained from the SSDA.

Access Category none

ICPSR ADDITIONS TO HOLDINGS

The following titles have been extracted from the ICPSR Bulletins dated October 1985 and January 1986. For further information, contact the SSDA.

ABC News General Election Exit Surveys, 1984 (ICPSR 8416)
 American National Election Study, 1984 (Field Administration) (ICPSR 8298)
 Annual Housing Survey, 1983 {United States}: SMSA Files (ICPSR 8420)
 British Election Study: {June} 1983 (ICPSR 8409)
 CBS News National and Local Surveys, 1984 and CBS News Primary Election Exit Polls, 1984 (ICPSR 8410)
 CBS News/New York Times National and Local Surveys, 1984 (ICPSR 8399)
 CBS News/New York Times Primary Election Day Exit Polls, 1984 (ICPSR 8398)
 Census of Governments, 1982: Employment and Finance Summary Statistics (ICPSR 8395) (ICPSR 8394)
 Congressional Campaign Study, 1978 (ICPSR 8431)
 Cost Effectiveness of Misdemeanant Probation in Hamilton County, Ohio, 1981-1982 (ICPSR 8259)
 County Population Estimates (Provisional) by Age, Sex and Race: 1980-1982 (ICPSR 8419)
 Crime on Campus, 1978-1979: A Survey of 150 College Campuses and Cities

(ICPSR 8381)
 Current Population Survey: Annual Demographic File, 1984 (1985-Based Weights) (ICPSR 8418)
 Current Population Survey, June 1984: Fertility and Birth Expectations (ICPSR 8403)
 Dutch Parliamentary Election Studies, 1981 and 1982 (ICPSR 8121)
 European Community Studies, 1973-1984: Cumulative File (ICPSR 8434)
 Evaluation of Intensive Probation in Milwaukee, 1980-1981 (ICPSR 8276)
 Expenditure/Employment Data for the Criminal Justice System: Annual File, 1982 (ICPSR 8382)
 Felony Prosecution and Sentencing in North Carolina, 1981-1982 (ICPSR 8307)
 General Election Data for the United States, 1968-1984 and Referenda and Primary Election Materials (ICPSR 0013) (ICPSR 0006)
 General Social Survey Cumulative File, 1972-1985 (ICPSR 8435)
 Health Interview Survey, 1981 (Child Health Supplement) (ICPSR 8319)
 Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), 1983: Fall Enrollment (ICPSR 8397)
 Improving Correctional Classification, New York, 1981-1983 (ICPSR 8437)
 Keeping the Peace: Police Discretion and the Mentally Disordered in Chicago, 1980-1981 (ICPSR 8438)
 Law-Related Education Evaluation Project (United States), 1979-1984 (ICPSR 8406)
 Mexican Origin People in the United States: The 1979 Chicano Survey (ICPSR 8436)
 National Ambulatory Medical Care Surveys, 1980 and 1981 (ICPSR 8385) (ICPSR 8386)
 National Medical Care Expenditure Survey, 1977 (ICPSR 8325)
 National Youth Survey {United States}: Wave II, 1977 (ICPSR 8424)
 Penal Code Citations: Sentencing in 18 American Felony Courts 1983-1984 (ICPSR 8396)
 Search Warrant Procedures in Seven Cities, 1984: {United States} (ICPSR 8254)
 Survey of Inmates of Local Jails, 1983: {United States} (ICPSR 8274)
 Systems and Training Requirements for Criminal Justice Participants (Project STAR), 1971-1974 (ICPSR 8392)

Uniform Crime Reports, 1979-1983 (1979 and 1983 Data) (ICPSR 9028)
 United States Historical Election Returns, 1788-1984 (ICPSR 0079)
 World Data Bank II: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia (ICPSR 8376)
 1980 Census: Master Area Reference File (MARF 3) (ICPSR 8405)
 British Social Attitudes Survey, 1983 (ICPSR 8391)
 Class Structure and Class Consciousness in the United States, 1980 (ICPSR 8413)
 Community Hospital Program (CHP) Access Impact Evaluation Surveys, 1978-1979, 1981 (ICPSR 8245)
 Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1980-1981: Interview Survey (ICPSR 8423)
 Convention Delegate Study 1980: {United States} (ICPSR 8367)
 Criminal Victimization of District of Columbia Residents and Capital Hill Employees, 1982-1983 (ICPSR 8228)
 Current Population Survey, Annual Demography File, 1985 (ICPSR 8432)
 Current Population Survey, July 1984: Telephone Availability (ICPSR 8400)
 Demographic Characteristics of Washtenaw County, Michigan in 1860 (ICPSR 8445)
 Early Identification of the Chronic Offender, {1978-1980: California} (ICPSR 8226)
 Electoral Returns for Statewide Offices in the United States, 1874-1952 (ICPSR 7861)
 High School and Beyond. 1980: Sophomore and Senior Cohort First Follow-up (1982) (Sophomore Cohort Transcripts Survey) (ICPSR 8297)
 High School and Beyond. 1980: Sophomore and Senior Cohort Second Follow-up (1984) (ICPSR 8443)
 Implementation of Community Corrections in Oregon, Colorado and Connecticut {1981} (ICPSR 8407)
 Intercensal Estimates of the Population of Counties by Age, Sex and Race {United States}: 1970-1980 (ICPSR 8384)
 Judicial District Data Book. 1983: {United States} (ICPSR 8439)
 Juvenile Court Statistics. 1982: {United States} (ICPSR 8440)
 Kent's Directories of Businesses in London, 1759-1828 (ICPSR 8422)
 National Crime Surveys, Victim Risk Supplement 1983 (ICPSR 8316)