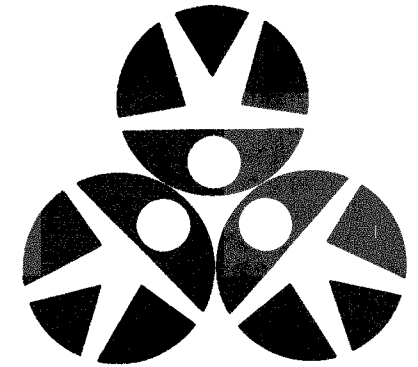


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 Large American Cities, 1982
 (ICPSR 8655)
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 and Behavior:
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Contributions to the newsletter

The goal of this newsletter is to provide current information on developments and activities of interest to its readers. If you think there are things people should know about, please help us to provide the appropriate information by contributing articles for inclusion, suggestions, requests for information notices of forthcoming meetings and events and so on. We have an ongoing interest in the uses of Social Science Data Archive data supplied through ACSPRI and would be keen to receive research notes describing the uses made of such data. At the moment we are especially interested in tertiary level social science research courses. So if you teach a course in social research methods, data analysis, survey research or anything similar, please write and let us know something about the course. Of particular interest would be the following areas:

- The objectives of the course
- What sort of hardware/software you use
- What sort of computing facilities are available
- The availability of support staff
- How you would characterize the students taking the course
- Any pre-requisites for the course
- What sort of data you use
- How the course relates to other courses

New ACSPRI mailing list

ACSPRI is revamping its system for delivering copies of the newsletter. Over the past few weeks we have been busy compiling and refining mailing lists for the Social Science Data Archives Bulletin and the ACSPRI newsletter. In this way we hope to build up a list of those members of the community who have an interest in the activities of either organization. This will enable us to ensure that information about the activities of the SSDA and ACSPRI is getting to those whom it concerns. We would also like to hear from you. In particular, we would be glad to receive short articles for the newsletter, information on current research activities which utilize SSDA data, the use of microcomputers in social science research and teaching, and especially, the names and contact addresses of anyone you think may be interested in receiving the newsletter in the future. For queries about ACSPRI, contact: Ken Reed, Education and Development Officer, ACSPRI, C/- SSDA, RSSS, Australian National University, PO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2600. Phone (062) 494400 or 493800. E-mail SSB310@CSC.ANU.OZ

SSDA catalogue

Copies of the new SSDA catalogue are still available. This comprehensive, well-organised publication replaces the previous ring-binder volume with a book-form catalogue. The new catalogue is divided into four sections: Australian research studies; Australian opinion polls; Australian census holdings; and datasets received from overseas holdings. The catalogue should be an invaluable resource for those interested in the analysis of secondary data, for both research and teaching purposes. You can buy this invaluable guide to the holdings of the world's fourth largest

social science data archive for a mere \$20.

Empirical social research conference

ACSPRI and the University of Queensland are jointly hosting a national conference on empirical social research. The idea originated in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Queensland, with ACSPRI expressing an interest in being associated with the conference late last year with a view to establishing this type of conference as a regular event.

More details are available from: Gary Marks, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, QLD, 4067. Phone (07) 377-2287. E-mail: ASMARKS@UQVM.DECNET.UQ

ACSPRI Summer Program

The fourth ACSPRI Summer Program in Quantitative Social Science Methods was held at Monash University from 31st January to 12th February 1988. Numbers were down slightly on previous years with a total of 70 participants taking 85 courses. In particular, enrollments from Victoria were relatively low while there was a large contingent from Canberra, mostly from the ANU. This reverses a trend which had begun to emerge for the Program to have a large contingent from the venue city. A number of planned courses had to be cancelled owing to lack of numbers. These were: Multiple Regression in SPSSX; Introduction to Survey Research Design; Structural Equation Models; and Analysis of Survey Errors. One consequence of this was a very large enrollment (27 participants) for Bob Cushing's course on Multivariate Analysis Techniques. The Stream 1 course, Data Analysis with SPSSX, was taught jointly by Peter Jones, Brian Phillips, John Pidgeon and John Iacono. The course covered

univariate and bi-variate analysis of discrete and continuous variables, hypothesis testing using parametric and non-parametric tests, and model-building using regression. This course had 19 participants.

Because of the number of participants, David Gow assisted Bob Cushing with the Multivariate Analysis course. Also in the first week, Vic Minichiello taught Principles, Strategies and Analysis of Qualitative Data.

Week 2 courses were Data Analysis in SAS (David Gow), Log-linear Modelling (Ken Sharpe) and Scaling Techniques (Philippa Pattison).

Many thanks to all the teaching staff who contributed so much to the Program. The 1989 Summer Program is now in the planning stage, with the likely venue being the University of New South Wales in the first two weeks of February, 1989. Comments and suggestions for future programs, especially from past participants, would be welcomed.

1988 ICPSR Summer Program

The 1988 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods will run from June 27 to July 22 (first session) and July 25 to August 19 (second session). In the first session there are six four-week lecture courses of one hour a day. These are:

- Implications of sample design for data analysis
- The logic of data analysis: measurement and design
- Basic mathematics
- Mathematics for social scientists
- Introduction to computing
- Advanced topics in social research

During the same session there are ten four-week workshops of two hours each day. These are:

- Mathematical models: Game theory
- Quantitative historical analysis
- Methods of population estimation
- American electoral research
- Latino research issues
- Introduction to statistics and data analysis I
- Introduction to regression analysis
- Linear models

- Multivariate statistical methods
 - Scaling and dimensional analysis
- During the first session there are also a series of one week workshops. These are:
- Artificial intelligence in the social sciences
 - Survey of income and program participation
 - General structural equation models: introductory
 - Logit and log-linear models

The lecture courses for the second session are:

- Introduction to computing
- Formal models of social systems
- Matrix algebra, probability and estimation
- Advanced topics in social research

The workshops in the second session are:

- LISREL models
- Linear models
- Time series analysis
- Quantitative analysis of crime and criminal justice
- Mathematical models: Rational choice
- Network analysis
- Methods of population projection
- Introduction to statistics and data analysis II
- Categorical data analysis
- Structural equation (causal) models
- Advanced analysis of variance

The one week workshops in session two are:

- General structural equation models: intermediate
- Management of machine-readable social science information

Further details, including application forms, are available from ACSPRI.

Microcomputer - software info.

GLIM for the Macintosh

Siromath (Sydney) are distributing a Macintosh version of the GLIM package developed by the British Royal Statistical Society.

GLIM is an interactive program for the analysis of generalized linear models. These models extend regression

methods to problems which include contingency tables, probit and logit analysis and are claimed to be ideally suited to exploratory statistics work.

STARS

Also available from Siromath is a product called STARS (Siromath Target Assessment Research System) available for IBM PC's and compatibles. STARS seems to be primarily oriented to market research users, with evident applications for demography, human geography or others interested particularly in the use of official statistics. The key purpose of STARS is the display of information by geographic area making use of a mapping software package, the digitisation of area boundaries and the organisation of data to correspond to these boundaries. The result is an integrated and expandable modular package which allows the user to generate maps which are tailored to the needs of the individual research problem.

More details on either GLIM or STARS are available from:
Siromath Pty. Ltd.,
Level 5, 156 Pacific Highway,
St. Leonards, NSW 2065
Tel. (02) 436 0500

Register of software for statistical and survey analysis

The Study Group on Computers in Survey Analysis, in association with the British Informatics Society has published the seventh edition of the register of software for statistical and survey analysis.

Software packages are listed according to the types of facilities they offer, such as editing, data management, tabulation, descriptive statistics, statistical analysis and graphics.

The cost (from Australia) is £9, including postage and packing.

Cheques should be made payable to 'BISL' and sent to : The Publications Dept., BISL, 13 Mansfield St., London W1M 0BP.

CDATA-86

Roger Jones
Social Science Data Archives, 17 March 1988

For those of us who have worked with multiple reels of small area Census data on magnetic tape, the arrival of CDATA 86, the small area census data from the 1986 Census on CD-ROM, is a gift from heaven.

Replacing 20 1600 bpi tapes of census tables with a pocket sized disk and a couple of floppies and providing selection, aggregation, table manipulation and colour mapping on an IBM-PC or compatible is an astonishing achievement.

Mine only arrived a few days ago and already I'm doing things with census data that would have taken my programmer months to set up. Who knows how to handle those tapes anyway? The software is completely self-explanatory with extensive help files available. Just load the software, drop the CD-ROM into the reader, type CDATA86 and off you go.

Decide what areas you want to look at, move down to DEFINE A REGION and hit return. Up comes a list of possible areal units, from Census Divisions, Statistical Local Areas, Large LGA's, Postcodes to Electoral Divisions, both State and Federal and Journey to Work Areas.

Select one and hit the MORE DETAIL function and choose a State, MORE DETAIL again and select your areas. You can choose any combination from any level, and create your own user defined areas. Watch out for the feedback from the program which tells you which data formats you can use for the region you've selected.

Back to the main menu, up a line to DEFINE AN EXPRESSION, and select your data format. This refers to the 4 different summary file formats available from the 1986 Census and one for the 1981 Census. Each has a full description of the tables included and the cells in each table. Selection of items can be made directly or by typing

in the expression required. Its handy here, I find, to have the ABS Technical Documentation for the various file types available, especially if the expression you want is not simply the addition of a couple of cells.

Having defined your table, it's back to the main menu to RETRIEVE A TABLE. A list of the expressions and regions saved comes up, select one of each, hit return and the data retrieval from the CD-ROM begins. It is remarkably fast, but be prepared for a few 'DISASTER' notices at first, especially if you haven't cleared space on your hard disk, and you're trying to generate data for a large number of areas - e.g. all CD's in Sydney.

Having created your table, you can SCAN it to select particular rows or areas on the basis of minimum value and maximum value constraints on the columns or variables, RANK it in ascending or descending order of one or two column values, MODIFY it by deleting or moving columns, SPLIT it or JOIN it to another table, change the title or column headings, and PRINT it when you're happy. If you want to do more than that you can output the table in data interchange format (DIF), Lotus 1-2-3 format or Microsoft data interchange format (SYLK) and work on the data with your spreadsheet or other data manipulation programs.

The other major component of the package is to MAP A TABLE, but I'm still waiting for my Enhanced Graphics Adaptor, so I'll leave that for now.

Any faults? Only two minor omissions which I'm told will be corrected in the next update. Firstly, its not possible to access the Area of the various areal units, so that calculations of population densities are out at present. Secondly, identification of rural CD's is difficult, though not impossible - it has to be done by excluding urban centres and rural locality CD's from a larger area rather than directly.

Overall, a magnificent product and one which will make the Census data available to a much wider audience than in the past. If you haven't seen a

demonstration yet, I strongly recommend that you do - contact Space-Time Research on 03-813 3211 or your local ABS office.

ABS Data on magnetic tape

ABS Pricing policy

On 1 January 1988, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) introduced a new pricing policy for its products and services. The new policy has two basic objectives:

- through application of the user-pays principle, to induce users to carefully consider their demands on the ABS; and
- to generate revenue to meet government budgetary requirements.

ABS products and services will be allocated to one of three categories - public good, standard or special. Public good services include the free distribution of publications and some other products to a range of libraries, the news media and parliamentarians. In addition, a restricted range of products, including most catalogues and information papers, will continue to be available free of charge.

Standard products and services are those produced in anticipation of general user demand and are made available in a variety of forms including publications, microfiche and magnetic tape. The basis of ABS pricing policy for these products is to recover the preparation and production costs incurred beyond the clean data stage. Each year, a formula will be derived which provides a standard price determined on the basis of a median sales figure for each type of product. Where market competition exists, market price will be employed.

The price for standard magnetic tape releases will increase to a minimum of \$300 per reel, and to \$2000 per reel for the unit record data released on magnetic tape, with an additional \$50 service charge (including postage) on each consignment of magnetic tape files ordered.

Special products and services are produced or provided to meet the individual needs of particular clients, and prices are set at the level which the market will bear where that is quantifiable, but at least to fully recover the cost of providing the product or service. For example a special cross-classified table from the Census for the whole of Australia will cost approximately \$4100.

1986 Census small area summary files
1986 Census small area summary data files are described in the ABS Information Papers Standard Tables on Magnetic Tape (Cat. No.2186.0) and Census Products Price List, Edition 4 (Cat. No.2177.0). The tabulation basis is either **count at place of enumeration** with 46 tables (CSC format) or 70 tables (CSD format) or **count at place of usual residence** with 28 tables (USG format) or 37 tables (USH format). Data are available for Collection Districts, Statistical Local Areas, Postcodes, Large Legal Local Government Areas, Commonwealth Electoral Divisions, and Urban Centres. Data files on magnetic tape are available for \$300 per reel, or the complete set can be purchased on magnetic tape for \$5400. However, a new product CDATA86 available on CD-ROM from the ABS or Space-Time Research includes the complete set of summary file data from the 1986 Census and, in addition, the 1981 Census small area data, digital boundary data, and aggregation, tabulation and mapping software for just \$4000 (see separate article CDATA86).

Other 1986 Census products
In addition to the small area data, there will be a large number of standard cross-classified tables from the 1986 Census available on microfiche and/or on magnetic tape. Details of the tables are included in the Catalogue of 1986 Census Tables (Cat.No. 2175.0). Special cross-classified tables can be ordered from the ABS at the cost of production. **Where the requester is willing to make special tables produced**

on magnetic tape available to other users, the ABS has agreed to notify the SSDA of the request and the table content. The SSDA will then be contacting requesters to make arrangements for access to these tables and will compile and distribute information to potential users.

Unit record files

Two unit record sample files will be released from the 1986 Census during 1988, the Household Sample File: Australia and the Household Sample File: States. In addition, unit record file releases are expected from the 1984 Household Expenditure Survey and the 1985-1986 Income Survey. The standard price for each of these files is expected to be \$2000.

Secondary provider provisions

A further feature of the new pricing policy is the recognition of secondary providers, who pay a licence fee in lieu of royalties for the commercial use of the data. The term secondary provider applies to any person or organisation who obtains data on magnetic tape, or on any other medium from ABS special data services, and who then sells products to a third party where the major component of such products is census or other statistical data obtained from the ABS.

The suggested level of the licence fee is 5 times the normal user price. This is the level that has been set for most Census tapes and will probably apply in most other cases.

The conditions of sale applying to ABS propriety products state:

- The Customer agrees not to disclose to any third party any information ... in the products without the prior written consent of the Commonwealth or payment of a secondary provider licence fee;
- in respect of any data in computer readable form or software comprising the products, the Commonwealth authorises the Customer to use the said data or software on a non-transferable and non-exclusive basis and to copy

any such data or software only for back-up purposes.

Nothing in these conditions should prevent the Customer from quoting statistical data contained in the products, provided that the ABS is acknowledged as the source of the data.

ACSPRI as a secondary provider

The ABS has agreed to a proposal from ACSPRI that it act as a secondary provider of ABS data files on magnetic tape to ACSPRI member institutions. In effect, this will mean that ACSPRI will purchase data files on magnetic tape from the ABS at secondary provider rates and make copies available to members through the SSDA at a lower cost than that charged by the ABS. The cost reduction will depend on the number of member institutions obtaining a copy.

Initially, ACSPRI will focus on distribution of the unit record files from the 1986 Census and from other social surveys conducted by the ABS, where the major cost benefits are likely to be achieved. For example, the charge for a unit record file costing \$2000 from the ABS is given below.

No. of users	ACSPRI price
6	\$1775
7	\$1535
8	\$1355
9	\$1215
10	\$1105
11	\$1015
12	\$935
13	\$875
14	\$820
15	\$770
16	\$730
17	\$695
18	\$660
19	\$630
20	\$600

We will be seeking to contact users of unit record files over the next month or so to make them aware of the potential

advantages of ordering these data through ACSPRI. **If you are a user or a potential user or know someone who is, it would help us and you if you would contact the SSDA and let us know your interest.**

Do you use unit record file releases from the ABS? Have you read the item above? It affects you!

ABS Research Fellowships

The ABS is currently seeking applications from senior researchers, advanced graduate students or recently qualified postgraduates to conduct research relevant to the ABS. They are seeking proposals for research into the following areas:

- statistical methodology
- social and demographic studies
- economic studies
- applications of technology

Proposals should be framed in the context of current ABS objectives which include:

- the measurement and reduction of non-sampling errors
- increasing the amount of objective statistical analysis and interpretation of its data
- improving the efficiency and productivity of its operations

Applications are for Research Fellowships and Associateships which constitute awards, normally for 12 months, with a salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Successful applicants will be expected to reside in Canberra for the period of the award.

Applications are due by 13 May, 1988. More details from:

Dr. W.F. Gross,
W4 2c,
Australian Bureau of Statistics,
PO Box 10,
BELCONNEN ACT 2616
Tel (062) 52 6600

Denise Leivesley

Denise Leivesley, the very popular visiting lecturer in the ACSPRI Summer Programs of 1986 and 1987 (and future programs, we hope), has been given leave of absence from the Survey Methods Centre to join the World Bank. She has been appointed Survey Manager in a team formed to examine the social aspects of structural adjustments to African economies - good luck, Denise! Her new address from 1 June, 1988 will be:

AF ISD,
The World Bank,
1818 H St., NW,
Washington DC 20433

New codebook from the NSSS

The codebook of the National Social Science Survey is now available as a handsomely-bound, well-organised publication and can be purchased separately from the data-file. (Details of the NSSS are outlined in the ACSPRI Newsletter no.13, March, 1986).

The release of the codebook as a stand-alone publication complements the objective of the Survey, which is to provide a general-purpose data set suitable to the needs of a wide range of researchers.

Copies of the codebook are available from the SSSA at a cost of \$25

Conferences

The following are notices of conferences to be held around Australia, and overseas in the next six to nine months. Readers interested in obtaining more details should contact the organisers listed.

• The Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology will hold its fourth Annual Conference from 22 to 24 August 1988 at St Andrews College, Sydney University. Offers of papers and inquiries should be sent to:

Conference Secretary,
Bureau of Crime Statistics
and Research,
GPO Box 56, Sydney NSW 2000

• The Australian Population Association will hold its fourth National Conference, with the theme "Australia's Population in the Age of Technology", at the University of Queensland, from 31 August to 2 September 1988. Specific topics under this general theme range from the 1986 Census, health issues, trends in Australian migration, changing demography of Australian families, population forecasting to demographic applications for marketing and social policy response to demographic change. Contact

The Secretary,
Fourth National APA
Conference,
GPO Box 9817,
Brisbane QLD 4001

• The fifth National Evaluation Conference of the Australasian Evaluation Society will be held in Melbourne from 27 to 29 July 1988. The focus for the 1988 conference will be on the practical application of evaluation, and suggested session topics include program budgeting and review, program effectiveness, community programs and performance measurement. Case studies in evaluation would be particularly welcome.

For further information, contact

National Evaluation Conference
Secretariat
Evaluation Training and Services
Australia Pty Ltd,
Suite 3, 564 St Kilda Rd.
Melbourne VIC 3004

• Conference of the Population Association of America, in New Orleans, from 21 to 23 April 1988. The Australian Population Association has been asked by the P.A.A to organise a session entitled "The Demography of Australia: A Bicentennial Perspective" for this conference. Contact your local APA representative for more details, or contact the American organisers directly:

P.A.A.

P.O Box 14182
Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington DC 20044 USA

• IASSIST 88 (the International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology) will hold its 1988 conference in Washington DC from 26 to 29 May. The apposite theme for this conference is "Public Data: Use or Lose It". For more information on particular session topics, contact Roger Jones at the SSSA.

• The International Council for Computers in Education will be holding the Ninth International Educational Computing Conference from 15 to 17 July 1988, in Dallas, Texas. For more information write to

NECC'88
International Council for
Computers in Education,
University of Oregon,
1787 Azgate Street,
Eugene OR 97403-9905 USA

• The International Congress of the International Political Science Association will be held in August 1988, again in Washington DC.

Contact
IPSA
c/o University of Ottawa
Ottawa K1N 6N5 Canada

• A joint conference of the Association for History and Computing (AHC), the International Federation of Data Organizations for the Social Sciences (IFDO), and Data Bases in the Humanities and Social Sciences (ICDBHSS) will be held in Cologne, West Germany, from 7 to 10 September 1988. The ICDBHSS, usually a bi-annual conference held in the USA, is interested in all aspects of data base technology, as well as specific hardware and software developments and networking. AHC is the professional forum for aspects of the usage of information technologies in the historical discipline, and covers fields of interest including the methodological as well as

the technical. IFDO is the world-wide association of social science data archives and service organisations, concentrating on the application of data archive services to the social science community. The Social Science Data Archives at the ANU is the Australian member of this Federation, which also encourages international cooperation and data exchange between member archives. Papers for this part of the conference will deal specifically with data services, and in particular, on the development of data protection legislation and data access regulations. For further information on IFDO, and the conference in general, contact Roger Jones, at the SSSA.

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:

A: the depositor wishes to be informed (by the Archives) of use being made of the data, in order to comment on that use and make contact with colleagues of similar interests

B: the depositor wishes to be informed of each request to use the data in order to give or withhold permission

E: there is an embargo period; no access at all is permitted until after the date specified

S: there are special access conditions, peculiar to the data set in question

U: as specified on the User Undertaking Form, the user is required to obtain the permission in writing of the original depositor of the data, or an authorised representative, before publishing any interpretation of such materials

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

Australian Gallup Polls

The SSSA has received deposits of Australian Gallup Polls conducted by McNair Anderson Associates in 1984 and 1985.

The eleven polls from February to December 1984 (SSDA Study Nos. 447

to 457) cover topics including: nuclear power and the New Zealand ban on nuclear powered ships; European and Asian immigration; national economic problems; uranium and the environment; the arbitration court and strikes; government action on unemployment, particularly in relation to youth; the Australian flag; medical services, including disputes between the government and doctors; penalties for drink driving; state versus private schools; the censorship of videos; in-vitro fertilisation; and the approval ratings of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

In addition to this set of polls, the SSSA also has two extra polls conducted in March 1984 (SSDA Study No. 458) for the NSW State Election, and November 1984 (SSDA Study No. 459) for the Federal Election. These polls cover basic questions on vote intention, as well as the approval ratings of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

The set of polls for 1985 (SSDA Study Nos. 462 to 472) cover issues such as: AIDS and blood transfusions; current national economic and social problems; aims of the education system; taxation and capital gains, fringe benefits and increases or cuts; religion and women as priests; government enterprise and nationalisation/ privatisation; trade unions and the Builders Labourers' Federation; nuclear power; American treaties with Australia; the government's attitude toward South Africa, apartheid and trade; youth unemployment and traineeships; attitudes to compulsory military training; overseas aid; and approval ratings of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

Access Category: none

McAllister, Ian and Anthony Mughan. **Australian Election Survey, 1987** (SSDA Study No. 445)

The study has two goals. The first is to continue the broad line of enquiry established by the 1967 and 1979 Australian National Political Attitudes

surveys so that patterns of stability and change in the Australian electorate can be traced over two decades. The second is to assess the electoral impact of forces specific to this election in order better to understand its outcomes.

Respondents were asked which party they voted for in the 1987 and 1984 Federal elections; when they decided how to vote and whether they might have changed their vote; party identification; interest in politics; the importance of a number of issues and the media in deciding their vote; left-right positions for their own views and those of the major parties in the 1987 and 1984 elections; feelings about the party leaders indicated by ratings of 0 to 10, their qualities and potential effectiveness as prime minister. A section on election issues covered perceptions of Australia's current economic situation and the extent of the effect of government policies on the economy; government spending; privatisation; the role of trade unions and big business; uranium mining; law and order; Asian migration; marijuana; abortion; aborigines; testing for AIDS; censorship; homosexuality; opportunities for women. Other questions examined trust in government; political goals; and forms of political action.

Background information included level of schooling; highest level of qualification; current activity; occupation; employment sector; supervision; union membership; self-assessed social class; sex; age; length of current residence; country of birth of self and parents; year arrived in Australia; father's occupation; parents' schooling and political preference; marital status; number of children; partner's schooling, occupation, employment sector, supervision, union membership and political preference; religion and attendance at religious services.

Access Category: none

Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories.

Recreation Participation Survey, Australia, October / November 1987 (SSDA Study No. 461).

The national Recreation Participation Survey examines the nature and frequency of participation in recreation and leisure activities and facility usage among Australians 14 years and over; and how these patterns vary among different socio-economic groups. The survey also identifies the major constraints on both participation and facility utilisation. The first national Recreation Participation survey was conducted in five seasonal quarters from April 1985 to July 1986 (see SSSA Study No. 388), and this current survey forms the beginning of a time series which will allow analysis of trends over time. Topics covered include frequency and amount of time spent in various leisure time and social activities, both at the respondent's home and away from home, activities most enjoyed, reasons for not doing or participating in particular activities, and use of public and commercial leisure facilities, all within the seven days prior to interview. Background variables include age, sex, income level, education, marital status, ethnicity, occupation and geographical location.

Access Category: A

Australian Bureau of Statistics. **National Energy Survey, 1982-1983** (SSDA Study No. 440)

This survey was conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in June 1983 as part of that month's national population survey. Its principal aims were to obtain information relating to the numbers and types of domestic appliances held (owned or hired) by households, and to assess consumption of electricity and gas for the previous twelve month period.

Householders were asked about major appliances such as fridges, washing machines and ovens, their modes of operation and frequency of use. Other questions asked about water heating and types of air conditioning, and

heating in the dwelling, and whether multiple forms of heating were used. Extra questions covered types of insulation in the roof and walls of the dwelling; and if the household had a swimming pool, whether their pool had heating and a filter.

Householders were also requested to sign a consent form authorising the relevant energy supplying authorities to release details to the ABS of energy consumption in the most recent twelve month period available. In most cases, this period approximated to the 1982-83 financial year. (Data from this survey is also available directly from the Australian Bureau of Statistics).

Access Category: none

Australian Bureau of Statistics (NSW). **New South Wales Energy Survey, October 1984** (SSDA Study No. 441). This study, conducted by the New South Wales office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics, was also undertaken as part of the national population survey for October 1984. The same topic areas listed for SSSA Study No. 440 (above) were covered in this survey, and the same method of obtaining energy consumption details was used.

Additional questions on reasons for changing from one energy source to another for energy and heating; and on income levels of those individuals in the household contributing to payments for energy bills, were also asked. (Data from this survey is also available directly from the Australian Bureau of Statistics). Access Category: none

Australian Bureau of Statistics. **Child Care Arrangements, Australia, November 1984** (SSDA Study No. 443). This survey was conducted by the ABS, again as part of a monthly population survey, in November 1984, with the aim of providing information about the types of child care arrangements made by those responsible for children under 12 years of age. Interviews were taken with the person in the family unit responsible for children, or another responsible

adult if that person was not available. The file contains records for both family unit and child data.

Information covered in the family unit record includes basic demographic details about the responsible person (age, sex, marital status, country of birth, year of arrival, state of usual residence, labour force details such as occupation, work status, and hours worked); similar demographic details about spouse, and labour force information about parents, if they were not principally responsible for the children; income group; number of dependent children; and detailed information such as frequency of use, hours of use, cost, and reasons for not using a range of childcare options, on an aggregate family level. Each child record contains sex, age, birthplace, year of arrival and school attendance details for the child, as well as individual information on childcare for the particular child, as collected at the family level. (Data from this survey is also available directly from the Australian Bureau of Statistics).

Access Category: none

Department of Health. Health and Outlook of Older Australians, 1984 (SSDA Study No. 446).

In 1984, the Commonwealth Department of Health commissioned Spectrum Research to conduct a series of surveys aimed at exploring both the attitudes towards the aged in the Australian community generally; and the specific opinions and responses of the aged towards their lifestyle and problems. The SSDA holds three data sets from this study: an attitudinal survey of a sample of the general population; a survey of people aged 55 years and over in private dwellings; and a smaller survey of older people living in nursing homes and hostels for the aged. The survey of the general population included questions on impressions of a series of statements made about the personal characteristics of older people; responses to a number of different attitudinal statements concerning older

people and the community; and questions on frequency of contact with older people.

The surveys of older people both in private dwellings and nursing homes were conducted in two stages. Stage one involved a personal interview in which respondents were asked for demographic information such as age group; marital status; occupation; current work status and time to or since retirement of self and spouse; birthplace; income sources; living arrangements; and caring responsibilities. Other questions covered opinions on retirement; fears and concerns about growing older; feelings about general community attitudes towards the aged; information sources; health problems; and available sources of help or advice. Stage two involved the mailing of a pamphlet to the respondent listing activities and programs which the respondent may currently be involved in, or be interested in. Respondents were reinterviewed by phone a week after receipt of the pamphlet, to gain detailed information on each of the activities and programs.

Access Category: none

Beed, Terence and Wendy-Louise Walker. Men's Attitudes to Women, Australia, 1987 (SSDA Study No. 460). This study was commissioned by CLEO magazine, with the aim of tapping attitudes, perceptions, and feelings of Australian men aged between 18 and 39 years, towards women; and to explore differences from the perceived "Australian male" stereotype. The survey was a mail-out, self completion study, with a total of 671 respondents. Topics covered include ratings of qualities and characteristics in women; attitudes to the role of women in society; confidant relationships with women and men; women in the workforce; attitudes towards sexual relationships; contraception; the division of labour in the household; qualities which are important in marriage or other relationships; and child maintenance.

Background variables include age; sex and age of children; income; occupation; country of birth; marital status; education level; religion; and total number in household.

Access Category: t.b.a

Gary Andrews et al. Ageing in the Western Pacific, 1984 (SSDA Study No. 474).

The World Health Organisation initiated this study in 1983, with the principal aims of providing a much needed base of data on the situation of the ageing population in developing countries, as well as providing an opportunity to compare and contrast the situation between countries in the same region. The four countries - Fiji, Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines - completed the survey fieldwork in 1984, with a total of 3571 respondents aged 60 years and over included in the final data set. The survey instrument was divided into eight sections. Demographic information included age, sex, marital status, living arrangements, race, religion, schooling, and numbers of living children and siblings. A section on Economic Resources covered work status, occupation, retirement, occupation and status of spouse, sources of income and household expenses. The Physical Health section asked about self-assessed health and ratings with peers, accidents, diseases, limitations due to health, both traditional and modern medications, and medical consultations; a Mental Health examination involved both questions on depression, anxieties and feelings, as well as basic questions designed to assess mental capacity. Respondents were also asked about their ability to perform a number of Activities of Daily Living - from walking distances to eating and bathing. Living Habits covered smoking and alcohol consumption; Social Habits dealt with participation in groups, outings and visits, availability of help and advice, and family decision making. A section on Housing covered ratings of housing

standards and satisfaction with living environment.

Access Category: A

Shadbolt, Bruce RSI Sufferers' Health and Wellbeing, A.C.T., 1985 (SSDA Study No. 473).

The study's main aim was to gather a breadth of information about the severity of life stresses and strains that RSI sufferers experience. A diverse group of RSI sufferers was selected for study, and in addition, a control group made up of people working in occupations with a high incidence of RSI was also surveyed.

Demographic measures included age, sex, marital status, time since diagnosis, current and former occupation and period of time unemployed, as well as other details of working situations such as types of duties, hours of work and return to work schedules. Other areas of the questionnaire covered health measures - self assessed health and as against peers, pain indicators, and activities of daily living; measures of satisfaction with marriage and relationships, with family, work and other social relationships; measures of psychological distress using Taylor's Manifest Anxiety scale; and indicators of stress through such events as career changes.

Access Category: A

Australian Bureau of Statistics (Victoria). Domiciliary Services in Victoria, 1986. (SSDA Study No. 476). The Domiciliary Services Survey was conducted using the sample of privately occupied dwellings in Victoria that were included in the monthly population survey for October 1986. Information was obtained from any responsible adult on behalf of all other members of the household. The design of the survey took into account that households with elderly members were more likely to be receiving a domiciliary service. A complete set of questions were asked in households where there was at least

one elderly resident (aged 60 years or over). In households without elderly residents a set of filtering questions was asked. Topics covered include assistance with household tasks (such as meals, laundry and housework, gardening, home maintenance and transport), and both formal and informal sources of such assistance; health care assistance, both from within the household and outside (nursing, personal and paramedical care); reasons services were received; perceived need for services not currently being received, and reasons why such services were not being delivered; help over the last twelve months, and assessment of help likely to be received over the twelve months following the interview; whether household members had been hospital or nursing home inpatients; and assistance provided by visiting friends or family. Background variables covered number of residents aged over 60 and household composition in terms of age, sex, marital status and country of birth. (Data from this survey is also available directly from the Australian Bureau of Statistics).

Access Category: none

Mughan, Anthony. Morgan Gallup Poll: Vote and Leadership Approval, Australia, 1958-1987: Aggregate Data (SSDA Study No. 475). This study consists of an aggregate data file derived from published results of monthly Morgan Gallup Polls from 1958 to 1987, with particular emphasis on vote intention and leadership ratings figures. Each record in the file contains derived information for one monthly poll. This information includes: month and year of poll; number of monthly polls over which mean voting figures were calculated; percentage of respondents volunteering voting intention for the ALP, the Liberal/National Party and the Australian Democrats; the number of monthly polls over which mean leadership approval figures were calculated; percentage of

respondents approving of both the incumbent Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition; the identities of both incumbents; whether an election for either the House of Representatives or the Senate was held in the particular month; and which party held government at the time.

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