

IPSR Newsletter WINTER 2019

Institute for Policy & Social Research News & Events



Piles of milo in Greensburg, Kansas, October 2015 by Larry Schwarm, Kansas Farmers, Spencer Museum of Art

Coming Soon – Doctoral Fellows Research Capstone

The IPSR Doctoral Fellows program will host its sixth annual capstone reception in April of 2019. This event will showcase the research of the [2018-19 cohort](#), an interdisciplinary group of PhD candidates representing the School of Education, the School of Public Affairs & Administration, and an array of disciplines within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The fellows program responds to graduate students' desire to network across departments and build skills for their future careers. Students participate in ten professional development sessions throughout the academic year on topics they help select. At the end of the program, they present their ongoing research to their advisors and the KU community. In this fast-paced event, each fellow will present a five-minute overview of their research topic and field questions from the audience. Look for an event invitation this spring to learn about what these students are doing and join the conversation.

Heartland Project on Sexual Assault – Climate Survey

The [Heartland Sexual Assault Policies and Prevention on Campuses Project](#) (Heartland Project) is ending its third and final year of the grant with a Sexual Assault & Violence Climate Survey. This climate survey was implemented during the first year of the three-year grant and many of the campus partners used the data from that survey to inform future programming efforts. This year, all eight campus partners (Crowder College, Doane University, Harris-Stowe State University, Kansas State University, Lincoln University, Rockhurst University, University of Kansas, and University of Nebraska – Kearney) are participating in the climate survey to measure the effectiveness of their prevention programming and hear students' perspectives on sexual assault on their campuses.

The Heartland Project is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. The Heartland Project uses a regionally focused and public health framework approach, designed to build and strengthen institutional level capacity and momentum to strategically change, prevent, and respond to sexual assault at post-secondary schools in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Worth 1,000 Words – Visualization Toolkit

More and more, research funding agencies expect proposals to include a visual representation of the ideas behind a proposal. Concept maps, logic models, and other tools can help communicate complex ideas in a research proposal. These visualizations enhance narrative descriptions of project goals, resources, and methods. To help researchers develop graphics for research proposals, we've developed a [visualization toolkit](#). You can also use these templates to jump-start your ideas or to check your work for clarity. If you need some assistance using these tools, or want to talk with someone about how best to map your ideas, let us know at ipsr@ku.edu.

Ask IPSR – Research Development

Q: I've got some ideas about where my research agenda is going, but I don't have a specific funding opportunity in mind, and I'm not sure what's out there. How should I proceed?

A: Contact Nancy Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu) to set up a meeting with a member of the IPSR pre-award team. In addition to working with you on proposals for funding opportunities you've identified, we can also help you identify funding opportunities. And if you're not yet sure exactly where your research is going, but you have some ideas, we can discuss your research agenda and help you determine how to proceed.

Research Spotlight – KU for KS

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration has awarded a five-year, \$700,000 [university center grant to the University of Kansas](#). Together with an equal match by KU donors and time commitments by faculty and program staff, a total of \$1.4 million will be devoted to assist economic development and job retention efforts in the state. This grant, led by P.I. Wally Meyer and co-I Genna Hurd, is a collaboration between the KU Center for Entrepreneurship in the School of Business and KU's Institute for Policy & Social Research, and it is one of only 40 such awards provided by the EDA to U.S. universities.

Research Funding Opportunity – WT Grant Foundation, Improving the Use of Research Evidence

The William T. Grant Foundation, focused on research for the benefit of young people, funds work on "improving the [use of research evidence in decisions](#) that affect young people in the United States." They're interested in research on the use of research "by state and local decision makers, mid-level managers, and intermediaries," such as school district boards or social service agency staff.

The Foundation has two mechanisms for funding this work: research grants and the William T. Grant Scholars program. Research grants are available for primary data collection and secondary data analysis, with award amounts ranging from \$5,000 through \$1m. The Scholars Program supports early-career researchers who are poised to have a significant influence on their fields. This program funds research projects as well as mentoring and professional development for awardees.

If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, contact Nancy Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu).

Visualization of the Moment – Hard to Count Communities

Efforts are underway for an updated count of the U.S. population through the 2020 Census. The CUNY Mapping Service at the Center for Urban Research created [an interactive map](#) displaying hard-to-count populations by

census tract, state, county, and federal and state legislative districts. Use the map to find out where people are hard to count and what steps you can take to help ensure an accurate 2020 Census.

HTC 2020 What is "HTC"? How To... Share Resources Contact

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Tract 0003.00 in Douglas County, KS

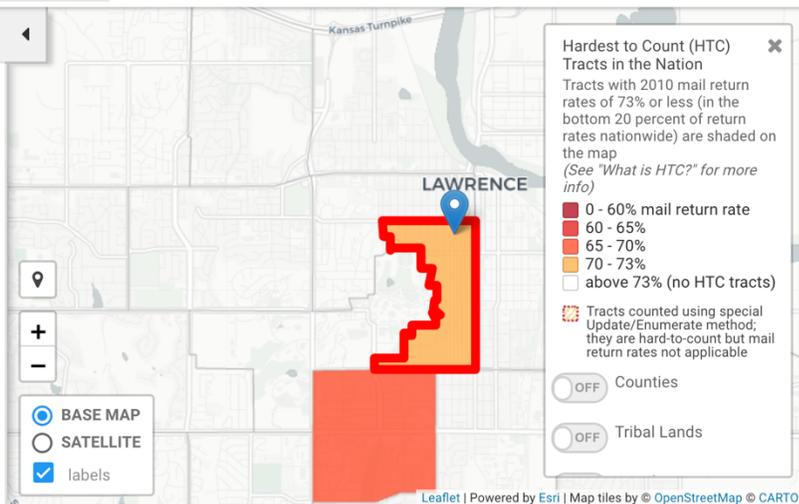
Based on the latest census estimates (for the 2013-2017 period), **6,103 people live in 2,585 households** in this tract, and **1,831 people live in group quarters**.

Some population characteristics that may affect this tract's participation in the 2020 Census include:

Census Self-Response

In 2010, **only 72.6%** of the tract's households mailed back their 2010 census questionnaire, requiring more costly and difficult in-person follow up to count the remaining 27.4%. **This tract is one of the hardest to count in the country.**

In 2020, for the first time the Census Bureau will be using HTC 2020, censushardtocountmaps2020.us



Events

Research luncheons

Friday, February 1, 2019, featuring Karin Chang, executive director of Kansas City Area Education Research Consortium

Friday, March 22, 2019, featuring Donna Ginther, professor of economics and director, Center for Science, Technology, & Economic Policy

Conferences

Beyond Discourse: Critical and Empirical Approaches to Human Trafficking, April 4 – 5, 2019 at the Hall Center for the Humanities. If interested in attending, email beyonddiscourse@gmail.com.

Manpower & Morale after Tet, Center for Military, War, and Society Studies, IPSR and Center for Military History, U.S. Army, Saturday, April 27, 2019. If interested in attending, email caine@ku.edu.

IPSR affiliates at the Hall Center for the Humanities

Akiko Takeyama, associate professor, Anthropology and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Gender Seminar: February 7, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Bradley Lane, associate professor, School of Public Affairs & Administration
The Urban Experience Seminar: February 14, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Germaine R. Halegoua, associate professor, Department of Film & Media Studies
Digital Humanities Seminar: February 18, 2019 at 3 p.m.

John Kennedy, associate professor, Department of Political Science
Gender Seminar: May 2, 2019, at 3 p.m.

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