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The Association of Population Centers (APC) ([www.popcenters.org](http://www.popcenters.org)) is an organization comprised of over 40 universities and research groups whose mission is to foster collaborative demographic research and data sharing, translate basic population research for policy makers, and provide educational and training opportunities in population studies.

The Population Association of America (PAA) ([www.popassoc.org](http://www.popassoc.org)) is a professional organization of over 3,000 individual members who conduct research on the implications of population change. PAA members include demographers, sociologists, economists, health scientists, and statisticians. Their diverse interests include adolescent health; aging; childcare; family formation and dissolution; fertility; immigration and migration; minority health; morbidity and mortality; and retirement.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides most of the discretionary, competitive federal funding for population research. The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Agency for International Development are two other important sources of federal support. Researchers also rely on accessible data produced by, for example, the Census Bureau, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), and Bureau of Labor Statistics, to conduct their work.

## Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Priorities

**NIH—Support Administration’s request of \$32.2 billion.** We applaud the proposed \$1 billion increase in the President’s budget for NIH; however, as members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, PAA/APC endorses the coalition’s call to build on the request and provide NIH with \$35 billion in FY 2011. This increase is needed to sustain momentum generated by enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and to support a new generation of social and behavioral scientists.

**Census Bureau—Support Administration’s request of \$1.3 billion.** Although this funding is \$6 billion below FY 2010, it is consistent given the cyclical nature of the agency’s budget. FY 2011 funding will be used to support post-Census 2010 activities, including data tabulation and evaluation. Funds are included to initiate increase in sample size of American Community Survey (2.9 to 3.5 million units).

**NCHS—Support Administration’s request of \$161.8 million.** This funding increase (\$23 million) is needed to expand the National Health Interview Survey; collect at least a full 12 months of core birth and death data; and continue the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

**NSF—Support Administration’s request of \$7.4 billion.** As members of the Coalition for National Science Funding, PAA/APC endorses the coalition’s call to provide NSF with at least the \$551.8 million increase in the FY 2010 budget. This funding increase would translate into a 5.3% increase for the Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) Sciences Directorate.