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Research
The Carolina Population Center (CPC) has been a leader in population research since 1966. CPC researchers focus broadly on the health and well-being of populations and examine population size, structure, and processes of change from many social science perspectives. This research benefits those in North Carolina, in the U.S., and around the world. The Center’s research is organized around the following eight themes (described in detail on CPC’s website).

THEMES
- Sexual Behavior, Contraceptive Use, and Reproductive Health
- Fertility, Families, and Children
- Life Course Perspectives
- Biological and Social Interactions
- Population Movement, Diversity, and Inequity
- Place, Space, and Health
- Population and Environment
- Population and Health Policies and Programs

CPC’s diverse population research develops and applies innovative approaches that lead to real-world health and environmental solutions. CPC’s research includes studies of how social environments influence infectious disease (such as malaria and HIV/AIDS), chronic disease (such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases and precursors including obesity) and social problems (such as unintended pregnancy and health disparities). CPC researchers are at the forefront exploring how genes and the environment interact to influence human behavior and health. This research identifies the mechanisms that contribute to good health and disease and points toward practices and policies that could improve population health.

World population has surpassed 7 billion and is heading towards a projected peak of 10 billion at mid-Century. Many are asking whether the earth can support this many people and what the consequences of population growth will be for human health and well-being, for biodiversity and for ecosystem stability. North Carolina’s population will surpass 10 million in 2015 and is on track to become the 9th most populous state. It is increasingly a microcosm of the United States as its population increases and it becomes older and more socioeconomically, racially, and ethnically diverse. CPC Director Philip Morgan points out that “21st Century change, both local and beyond, continues to be pervasive and powerful and produces opportunity and crisis. Our goal is to seek to understand both the underlying causes and the true consequences of these changes so that we can distinguish crisis from opportunity and, hopefully, transform the real crises into the greatest possible opportunity for healthy and productive lives.”

Training
CPC’s expert faculty and resources provide a dynamic and diverse environment in which graduate students and postdoctoral scholars are mentored and trained. Over the past decades, the training program has established a track record of outstanding productivity and continued success, providing interdisciplinary training for hundreds of graduate students and more than a hundred postdoctoral scholars, preparing them for population-related academic and research careers. CPC also sponsors research experiences for undergraduate interns. The Center’s predoctoral and postdoctoral programs are supported by an institutional training grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and individual faculty fellow research funds.

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