

BY THE NUMBERS

CAROLINA POPULATION CENTER

2025-2026

87

Faculty Fellows across 19 departments and six schools

58

Active research projects

\$158M

Value of current portfolio

Since 2016, CPC's portfolio of external funding totals **\$669,961,066**

Community

- **87** Faculty Fellows across **19** departments in six schools (CAS, Gillings SPH, SOM, Eshelman School of Pharmacy, School of Education, Data Science and Society)
 - **19** are tenure-track Assistant Professors
 - **5** serve as Department Chair (plus **5** former Chairs), **2** as Associate Chairs, and **8** as Directors of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies
 - **≈50%** of Fellows teach at least one undergraduate or graduate course in a given semester
- **47** predoctoral trainees across **10** departments
 - **≈50** additional GRAs and student workers
- **10** postdoctoral scholars
- **73** permanent staff and **9** temporary staff

Current Portfolio

- Total received & anticipated direct + indirect for currently funded projects: **\$158,455,419** across **58** projects headed by **32** PIs
- Majority involve Co-Is across multiple departments
- Funders include **six** NIH institutes + NSF and multiple foundations
- Since Feb 2025: **93** external applications by **44** PIs totaling **\$156,072,376**
- **24** projects already funded: **\$16,732,675** (total direct + indirect costs)

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Signature Projects

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health):

- Six waves (1994-95, 1996, 2001-02, 2008-09, 2016-18, 2022-25)
- \$200 million + direct + indirect costs across 25 federal institutes/agencies
- Wave VII application (sole-source RFA) under review in April; total direct + indirect: \$65,500,000
- 2016 Golden Goose Award (U.S. Congress)

Add Health Parent Study:

- Two waves (2013-18, 2023-28)
- Total direct + indirect \$36.7 million

Global Food Research Program:

- Since 2010
- Funded by a \$30 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies

Study of the Tsunami Aftermath and Recovery (STAR):

- Eight waves
- Funded by NIH, NSF, World Bank, MacArthur, Wellcome Trust
- Wave 9 under review (NIA & NICHD)

Transfer Project:

- Since 2008
- Collaboration with UNICEF, FAO, national governments & local research partners

History

- Established in 1966
- Training program established in 1972

Umbrella Organization

- Carolina Center for Population Health and Aging (CCPAH)
- Carolina Demography (applied unit)
- Triangle Research Data Center (TRDC), a branch of the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers

Infrastructure Support

- NICHD Population Dynamics Branch (since 2005)
 - One of 17 NICHD-funded population research centers, all sited on their university's main campus
- NIA Centers on the Demography & Economics of Aging (since 2020)
 - One of 13 NIA-funded population research centers
- Since 2016, this infrastructure support has funded 48 pilot projects totaling more than \$1.1 million

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Training Programs

- **Two** T32 training programs, both funded by the NICHD Population Dynamics Branch
 - Population Sciences since **1972**
 - Biosocial since **2017**
- Since **1972**, **750+** predoctoral trainees and **90** postdoctoral trainees

In-Person Activities

- Friday Interdisciplinary Seminar Series (**18-20** talks per academic year)
- Alternate hosting of “Demography Daze” with Duke University Population Research Institute
- **2-4** grant development workshops per semester
- **2-3** substantive workshops on aspects of the research process and external funding
- Weekly professional development workshops for trainees and postdocs
- Multiple meetings for research area groups and project teams

Outreach by Carolina Demography

- Work with stakeholders across North Carolina to provide demographic insights
 - Clients include: myFutureNC, John M. Belk Endowment, NC Metro Mayors Coalition, NC Assoc. of County Commissioners, Orange County Schools, Suicide Prevention Institute
 - **\$1.2 million** in projected revenue in FY 2026

Notable Honors Among Faculty

- Members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM):
 - **Kathleen Mullan Harris**
 - **Arne Kalleberg**
- Members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):
 - **Kenneth Bollen**
 - **Barbara Entwisle**
 - **Kathleen Mullan Harris**
 - **Arne Kalleberg**
- Members of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAAS):
 - **Kenneth Bollen**
 - **Kathleen Mullan Harris**
 - **Robert Hummer**
- Inaugural Infrastructure Prize for Sociology by the Kohli Foundation
 - **Kathleen Mullan Harris**
- Population Association of America Presidents among faculty Fellows
 - **Current Fellows:** **Barbara Entwisle; Elizabeth Frankenberg (President-Elect); Kathleen Mullan Harris; Robert Hummer**
 - **Former Fellows:** **Amos Hawley; S. Philip Morgan; Ronald Rindfuss; Amy Tsui; J. Richard Udry**

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