

Delaware population consortium  
Minutes of September 6, 2012

Attending: Marlena Gibson, Mike Duross, Dan Blevins, Janelle Cornwell, Barbara Gladders, Laura Simmons, Miriam Pomilio, Derrick Lightfoot, Terry Pepper, Don Berry, Maryellen Gray, Ed Ratledge, Jim Galvin.

Materials distributed including an agenda, previous meeting minutes, several population estimates comparing them a base year of 2000 vs. the base year 2010, from a projection of live births for each county by ethnicity, and the graphs "comparison of cohort IMRs by racial and ethnic groups", and "comparison of crude mortality rates using old and new population figures".

The meeting was called to order of at 10:10 AM by Ms. Gibson. She asked for approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting. The motion was made by Ms. Cornwell to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Gladders. The motion was approved by all present with one abstention.

Ms. Gibson then asked Ed Ratledge of the University of Delaware Center For Advanced Demographics And Survey Research (CADSR) to discuss the materials he distributed including multiple pages of population by race and five year age group. Mr. Ratledge described that he had produced to projection summaries based on an extrapolation of the 2000 census data and the 2010 census data. He identified that the state total was approximately the same for both but that there were discrepancies within the individual age groups, particularly the 0-4 and 85 and over age groups. The greatest discrepancies in the futures were concentrated in the projections for New Castle County. He also identified changes in the race totals for all geographies. Mr. Ratledge explained that he simplified the racial breakdown in two wage black author and Hispanic, as opposed to include the Hispanic as a ethnic subset of any of the races.

Barbara Gladders began the discussion on the other side of spreadsheets that she brought in a indicating birth rates and death rates for the state and counties. Ms. Gladders explained, and Mr. Ratledge concur, that its simplest form, any increase in population net of the changes in earth's impacts would be related to migration trends. Both newsletters and Mr. Ratledge commented that since 2000 the student population Newark and increased and that the fertility rates for college students is lower than the general population. Therefore, there may be some adjustments in New Castle County and the city of Newark. There was also some speculation that for the last 2-3 years, families have been frozen in place because of job availability in home values.

There was some discussion among the members of the usability of ACS estimates for small geographies. Only approximately 7000 households per year are serving Delaware. The CTPP will be available in March of 2013 with the new TAZ and TAD geographies designed by the MPO's and DelDOT. Mr. Ratledge asked that any comments on the projections he provided be made by next week (9-10 to 9-14).

Ms Pomilio inform the numbers that issued the updating the website including past minutes and agendas. She would be attempting to post agendas and meeting notices for future meetings, as well. Don Berry unannounced that he would not be participating in next year and at the DPC should expect a new governor's appointment.

The meeting ended at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted by James J. Galvin, Jr.