22nd Annual New Mexico Data Users Conference

About the Presenters

**Earlene Dowell**

Earlene Dowell is a program analyst in the Data Users Trade and Outreach Branch at the U.S. Census Bureau, specializing in the LEHD products. Dowell travels around the nation promoting and training people on all things LEHD. LEHD produces five statistical data sets; Quarterly Workforce Indicators, LEHD Origin Destination Employment Statistics, Job-to-Job Flows, Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes, and Veteran’s Employment Outcomes. LEHD makes several online applications for dissemination and visualization available to the public through OnTheMap, OnTheMap for Emergency Management, the LED Extraction Tool, QWI Explorer, J2J Explorer, PSEO Explorer and VEO Explorer. Prior to joining the LEHD program, Dowell played a key role during the 2010 Census in the Public Information Office and taught communication courses at the College of Southern Maryland. Dowell received her master’s degree in communication and a bachelor’s degree in public relations from Hawaii Pacific University.

**Ryan Eustice**

Ryan Eustice is the economist for the New Mexico Economic Development Department and has been in the position for two years. He is the lead in the State Data Center Census Bureau program for NM. Originally from Santa Fe, Eustice attended college in Denver, where he received two bachelor’s degrees, one in Economics and the other in Finance. Eustice and his wife have been married for six years and have three boys.

**Lois Haggard**

Dr. Lois M. Haggard is a public health informatics professional with broad experience using data and information for public health surveillance and assessment. She has worked in state public health departments in both Utah and New Mexico where she managed public health assessment programs. She has a national reputation for her work in Web-based public health data dissemination, including her role in the development of the Indicator-Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS-PH). Dr. Haggard currently manages the Community Health Assessment Program and the NM-IBIS website for the New Mexico Department of Health.

**Andrew W. Hait**

Andy Hait is an economist who serves as the Data Product and Data User Liaison in the International Trade Management Division at the U.S. Census Bureau. With over 30 years of service at the Bureau, Hait advises on Economic data products and conducts data user training for the Economic Census and the Census Bureau’s other monthly, quarterly, and annual economic survey programs. He also coordinates development of the innovative data tool, Census Business Builder, which presents selected demographic, business, and other data in a user-friendly, map-based interface. Hait holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Syracuse University and has a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University.

**Michael Hawes**

Michael Hawes is the Senior Advisor for Data Access and Privacy at the U.S. Census Bureau. He is responsible for outreach and engagement with the Census Bureau’s data users on issues relating to the impact of privacy protection methodologies on the accessibility and usability of Census data. Hawes is a member of the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM), chairs FCSM’s Confidentiality and Data Access Committee, and serves as vice-chair of the American Statistical Association’s Committee on Professional Ethics in Statistics. Prior to joining the Census Bureau, he served as the Director of Student Privacy at the U.S. Department of Education. In that capacity, Hawes was the department’s senior policy official responsible for the administration and enforcement of federal laws governing the privacy and confidentiality of education records, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). He also served as Privacy Consultant to the Federal Commission on Evidence-based Policymaking, and as a principal author of the final report of the Federal Commission on School Safety. Hawes is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), an Excellence in Government Senior Fellow, and a Certified Government Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/G).
Susana Privett is the data dissemination specialist for the U. S. Census Bureau covering Texas and Oklahoma. She gives presentations and conducts workshops about Census Bureau data, various surveys and census.gov. Her close work with organizations, local governments, businesses, federal and state agencies provides a clear understanding of the Census Bureau and the data they collect.

Most of Privett’s professional experience has been in customer service and she has enjoyed her employment with the Census Bureau for over 12 years. She lives near Dallas and in her downtime works on her family history and creating a blog on her experiences.

Michael Ratcliffe is a senior geographer in the Census Bureau’s Geography Division, where he advises on geographic concepts and research and helps lead activities related to development of enhanced linkages between the Census Bureau’s foundational geospatial, demographic, job, and business datasets. His interests focus on the relationships between geographic area definitions and classifications and analysis of statistical data for decision-making and program implementation.

Jacqueline Miller
Dr. Jacqueline Miller is a senior research scientist and demographer at the Geospatial and Populations Studies (GPS) center at the University of New Mexico. Miller is primarily responsible for population and demographics analyses at GPS, including annual populations and, more recently, biannual projections for New Mexico and its counties. In addition to state and county estimates and projections, she works with local communities and stakeholders to develop customized demographic research projects to support community planning. Her interdisciplinary training supports diverse research projects, with current work focusing on relationship dynamics across the lifespan.

Jeff Mitchell
Jeffrey Mitchell has been with BBER since 2003 and has served as its director since 2014. He oversees BBER’s research activities and information services, advises public and private organizations and works closely with the media.

The focus of Mitchell’s research is community and regional economic development in New Mexico, with emphasis on the creative economy, community revitalization, housing, internet access, strategic planning and the use of data in public policymaking. He also directs BBER’s economic forecasting service. Prior to joining BBER, Mitchell was on the faculties of Clark University in Massachusetts, New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico and has published in various scholarly journals.

He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Clark University. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Venezuela, and an international economist with Chase Econometrics and a project manager for a nonprofit organization promoting alternative energy development.
Suzan Reagan was hired by the University of New Mexico in 2013 to oversee the BBER Data Bank. It has been a member of the U.S. Census Bureau State Data Center Program (SDC) since the late 70’s. She supports the mission of the SDC’s by providing public service to anyone needing assistance in accessing Census data or Labor data. Reagan currently serves on the SDC Steering Committee as Vice Chair.

Reagan has over 20 years of experiences in analyzing industry and occupation statistics for New Mexico’s economy. She came from New Mexico’s Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS), Economic Research and Analysis Bureau where she worked on a variety of programs involving Labor Market Information. Over the years, Reagan has been requested to do presentations around the state to a variety of audiences ranging from students, career counselors, labor boards and including the annual NM Data Users Conference prior to working at BBER.

Robert Rhatigan is the director for UNM Geospatial and Population Studies. As head of the Population Estimates and Projections program, he develops demographic geodatabases used to track and analyze births, deaths, migration, building permits and other indicators of demographic change in New Mexico. Rhatigan is New Mexico’s liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates (FSCPE).

Rhatigan has an M.A. in applied demography from the University of Colorado and has extensive background in GIS, data analysis and technical communication. He previously worked as an environmental specialist for Texas’ largest rural development grant administration firm and as a GIS analyst developing digital recreational trail maps for handheld GPS devices. His written publications include Working and Living, USA, a guide for foreigners immigrating to the United States.