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Outputs: Project work included the organization of six town meetings in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Model results were disseminated to the community including county-specific information, and suggestions were obtained for outreach. The project yielded eight refereed publications, one publication on the website of the Population Reference Bureau, and presentations which were delivered at the Applied Demography Conference, San Antonio, TX; annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA; annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA; and the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. Another project outcome is a book prospectus for two monographs on aging in rural areas and poverty.			
Outcomes/Impacts: The Race and Place study shows that a full understanding of poverty requires race/ethnic-specific analyses because the determinants of poverty at county level differ by race and ethnicity. A county's white employment rate has no effect on its poverty rate, whereas the poverty rate for blacks and Latinos is affected by the employment rate for those demographic groups. Moreover, while white and black female-headed households have substantially higher poverty rates than households with two-parents, the difference is far smaller for the Latino household. One implication of these differences is unless poverty mitigation strategies are race/ethnic specific, they are likely to be less effective. The Expert Knowledge and Local Knowledge Study used forms of knowledge which were applied to six town-hall meetings held at the end of the poverty project. Those meetings were approached from the perspective that the research group were experts for statistical data and modeling, and that the local participants were experts on local conditions affecting poverty in their community. There was no hierarchy of knowledge. This approach uniformly created interactive discussions between the research group and local stake holders participating in the meeting, and everyone gained insights about conditions and correlates of poverty in the six communities.			
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Target Audiences:

Rural community associations, sociologists, and economists.

Project Modifications:

Nothing significant to report during this reporting period.

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