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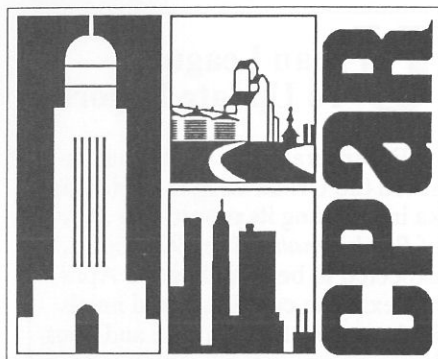
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State Census Figures Indicate 0.2% Gain

Nebraska's population grew to 1,572,503 in 1990, representing a 0.2 percent increase during the past decade, according to preliminary numbers received by CPAR's Nebraska State Data Center.

The gain compares to a 5.7 percent increase during 1970-80 and a 5.2 percent population growth from 1960-70.

The Census Bureau is required to give total population counts to President Bush by December 31, 1990. By April 1, 1991, the Census Bureau is to provide state legislatures and governors with 1990 data for small areas for the purpose of legislative redistricting.

5 MINUTE MANAGER'S MEMO

New Omaha Conditions Survey Begins Next Month

Interviews for *The Omaha Conditions Survey: 1991* will be conducted in late January and February and will focus on three issues: health care, police-community relations and environmental issues. Initial reports are expected by April. For more information, contact survey coordinator **Dr. Pallavi Trivedi-Chavda**, CPAR Senior Research Associate.

Staff Reaches Widespread Publics

Deichert Reappointed

Jerome Deichert, CPAR Senior Research Associate and Director of the Nebraska State Data Center, has been reappointed to the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.

Conference Speaker

"Strategic planning for a changing world" was discussed by **Alice Schumaker**, Research Associate and manager of the S.T.A.R.T. economic development program, this fall at the annual Northeast Nebraska Cooperative Rural Development Conference at Norfolk.

Schumaker is Judge

Ms. Schumaker also served as a judge for the 1990 Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP), an awards program organized by the Department of Economic Development and the University of Nebraska.

Boys Club Profile

Senior Research Associate **Pallavi Trivedi-Chavda** has assisted Boys Club of Omaha in developing a national employee profile survey.

Census Data for Nurses

CPAR Research Associate **David Fifer** spoke on 1990 Census data at a recent meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Community Health Nursing Educators Group.

Department of Health and Human Services Gives Grant for Rural Health Research

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has received a \$175,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Center for Rural Health Research, the only one in the central Midwest and one of only seven similar centers in the nation.

CPAR's **Jerome Deichert** is among the research project directors from UNMC and the University of Nebraska campuses at Lincoln and Omaha that will initiate five projects during the first year funded by the renewable grant. Four of the projects will evaluate innovative programs to deliver services to the elderly and persons suffering from mental illness in rural areas. The project that Deichert is leading will develop a research

model to analyze the impact of economic expansion on a community's health care delivery system. Lexington, Nebraska has been selected as the site for this study.

Earlier this year the Medical Center announced plans to establish a Rural Health Education Network to help alleviate the shortage of health care professionals in rural Nebraska.

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NEXT ISSUE: NEXT YEAR

Your next *Review* newsletter will be on your desk by late January 1991. Happy Holidays!

Article Explores Homicide Trends

During the past 15 years, 389 Omahans lost their lives to homicide. Fifty-five percent were black, representing a risk eight times greater for blacks than for whites. The black homicide rate of 40.08 per 100,000 for Omaha is significantly higher than the national rate of 31.7.

These figures, which examine the overall trends and characteristics of homicides in Omaha during the past 15 years, are the first of a three-part study which will be published by CPAR in conjunction with UNO's Department of Criminal Justice in *FOCUS: Criminal Justice Policy*, after the first of the year.

The next two reports will explore the extent and nature of alcohol involvement and the neighborhood and social correlates of homicide in Omaha.

The studies are being conducted by Criminal Justice faculty member **Obie Clayton, Jr.** and department chair, **Vincent Webb.**

CPAR's Betty Mayhew Recognized for Service

CPAR Business Manager **Betty Mayhew** in November was recognized for "meritorious service and dedication to improving the quality of the University" at an awards ceremony in Lincoln before the Board of Regents. This the second time in her 21-year career with UNO that she was named "Employee of the Month."

Child Care Rates Higher in Nebraska

Nebraska preschool child care rates are significantly higher than the national average, according to statistics just published in a new CPAR report, *Nebraska Preschool Child Care: 1990*.

The telephone survey of 600 randomly selected households with at least one preschooler indicated that 67.4 percent of preschool children had an employed mother, compared to the latest national estimate of 53.5 percent.

Research consultant **Patricia E. Funk** stated that mothers who worked any number of regular hours on a weekly basis for pay were considered to be employed. Of those mothers surveyed, 73 percent classified as being employed full-time or 35 or more hours a week.

Contact CPAR for the full 80-page report.

Urban League To Update Report

For several years CPAR has assisted the Urban League of Nebraska in updating its report, *The State of Black Omaha*. The 1991 report, expected to be completed in April, will examine conditions and needs in the areas of health care and housing.

The 1989 report focused on employment, economic development and education.

For information, contact **Dr. Russell Smith**, CPAR Director or **Alonzo Smith**, Vice President, Programs and Personnel for the Urban League of Nebraska at 402/453-9730.

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