



Expert: Carsey Demographer To Comment On Census Data Released Sept. 29

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DURHAM, N.H. –Beth Mattingly, a family demographer at the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire, will be available to discuss the 2008 American Community Survey child poverty data the U.S. Census Bureau will release next week (Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009). **She can be reached at beth.mattingly@unh.edu or 603-862-2961.**

Mattingly, whose interests center on women, children and family well-being, can discuss data that highlights trends in child poverty. She will also release a brief Tuesday afternoon (Sept. 29, 2009) highlighting the changes for children aged 0-5 and the dramatic regional differences. Additionally, she will present state-by-state, regional, and metro/non-metro trends for all children as shown in the latest data. "Children under age six are the most vulnerable to poverty," says Mattingly. "I expect that this new data from the Census Bureau will indicate particularly concerning trends in poverty for this group."

At the Carsey Institute, Mattingly is especially interested in how families juggle the competing demands of work and family life. She examines how different family policies influence rural, suburban, and urban families and how families adjust their labor force behavior during times of economic strain. She also examines poverty-related issues and how families cope with economic distress.

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