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Census: Expert Available To Discuss Minority Birthrate Data

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DURHAM, N.H. – As the U.S. Census Bureau prepares to release 2009 birth rate data this week, Kenneth Johnson, senior demographer at the Carsey Institute at the University of the New Hampshire, is available to discuss the implications of minority births possibly creating the first “minority majority” in the nation.

“Nearly half of the children born in the United States in 2009 were minorities, underscoring trends that show America’s youth are at the forefront of the country’s rapidly shifting demographic makeup,” says Johnson. “Widely quoted Census projections suggest America may become a minority-majority country by the middle of the century. For America’s children and youth, that future is here already.”

Johnson is available at ken.johnson@unh.edu or 603-862-2205. A nationally recognized expert on demographic trends in America, he is also a professor of sociology at UNH. His research at the Carsey Institute examines national and regional migration trends and the impact of immigration and minorities. His recent research found that nearly half of the children born in the U.S. in 2009 were minorities (available here:

http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/docs/Johnson_Growing_Diversity_Mar2010.pdf).

Johnson will release a Carsey Institute brief immediately following the Census Bureau release of data, which is anticipated for June 10. It will be available to download at

<http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/docs/Johnson-Changing-Faces-Youth-2010.pdf>.

The Carsey Institute conducts policy and applied research on vulnerable families and on sustainable community development, giving policy makers and practitioners the timely, independent resources they need to effect change in their communities. Learn more at <http://carseyinstitute.unh.edu/>.

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