

Survey Research Operations

Monthly Project Report

Sponsored Projects

February 2013



Sponsored Projects

(Army STARRS) Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers

(DUST II 2013) Health and Daily Life

(HealthDisp) Health Disparities

(HRS 2012) Health and Retirement Study

(IMAK-R) Interactive Multi-Media Assmt of Tchrs' Knowledge

(IMDU) Intensive Measurement of Drug Use during Transition to Adulthood

(iPhone) Responding to Surveys on Mobile Multimodal Devices

(LMT MS) Math Solutions

(MANCS) National Children's Study

(MCEE) Michigan Council on Educator Effectiveness

(MDRC) MDRC - Reading Partners Program Evaluation Project

(NSFG 2010-2020) National Survey of Family Growth

(PSID 2013) Panel Study of Income Dynamics 2013

(PTMS) Project Talent Mail Survey & Non-Response Telephone Follow-up

(SHOS-B) Army STARRS SHOS-B

(Transcript Study) Impact of the Michigan Merit Curriculum & Michigan Promise Scholarship on Studen

Project Name	Army STARRS SHOS-B (SHOS-B)				
Project Mode	Primary: Telephone	Secondary: Web	Total of Modes: 2		
Project Type	Sponsored Projects		Project Status	Current	
Budget	Direct Budget:	918,952.00	Indirect Budget:	238,927.52	Total Budget: 1,157,879.52
Principal Investigator/Client					
Project Team	Project Lead:	Nancy J Gebler			
	Budget Analyst:	Heather Barrus			
	Production Manager:	Lisa J Carn			
	Senior Project Advisor:				
	Production Manager:	Margaret Lee Hudson			
	Production Manager:				
Description:	<p>SHOS-B stands for Solder Health Outcomes Study B. The primary research aim addressed by SHOS-B is to find the risk and protective factors for suicide death among Army Soldiers. SHOS-B will assess potential risk and protective factors from multiple domains including: the presence and accumulation of mental disorders, receipt of psychological treatment, developmental history and medical family history, the experience of specific military or general life stressors, and recent experiences/state of mind prior to death.</p> <p>The Soldier Health Outcomes Study B (SHOS-B) represents the psychological autopsy component of the Army STARRS project and broadly aims to identify risk and protective factors for suicide among Army Soldiers. SHOS-B is the study of those Soldiers who have died by suicide while on active duty in the Army. Soldiers who are regular Army, as well as Soldiers who are Reserve and National Guard are included in the study.</p> <p>A "psychological autopsy" is a term for a detailed and broad investigation of a person and the circumstances surrounding that person's death. It is frequently used if the death was from suicide. The investigators attempt to reconstruct what the person thought, felt, and did before death, based on information gathered from personal documents, police reports, medical and coroner's records, and interviews with families, friends and others who had contact with the person before death.</p> <p>There are many advantages to using psychological autopsy. These studies aim to reconstruct an individual's psychological makeup (e.g., thoughts, feelings, behaviors, intentions, motivations, life circumstances), identify risk factors for death, and understand the mode and details of the suicidal behavior. Psychological autopsy studies offer a unique opportunity to gather information on a number of areas linked to suicide that are not generally accessible to epidemiological studies.</p> <p>In addition to the strengths of psychological autopsy studies in general, SHOS-B is unique relative to other Army STARRS components as it is the only component of the study to obtain new data on risk and protective factors for suicide among Soldiers who have recently died by suicide. SHOS-A will collect information on risk and protective factors from recent suicide attempters (a group known to differ somewhat from those who actually die by suicide), and the aggregate database component will examine information about risk and protective factors available among Army records.</p> <p>The SHOS-B study seeks to recruit and interview two Informants (a next of kin and an Army Supervisor) for each Soldier who has died. The research team will also examine administrative data for the Soldiers, in order to better understand the circumstances of that Soldier's time in the Army, and subsequent death.</p> <p>SHOS-B is a case/control study. For every Case Soldier (a Soldier who has died), we will recruit two Control Soldiers. These will be Soldiers who may have similar backgrounds and/or experiences but have not died. SHOS-B will interview two Informants (next of kin and Army Supervisor) for each Control Soldier. The inclusion of this control group allows for the possibility of assessing which risk factors are most linked with suicide. In other words, we will compare the two groups of Soldiers to determine what leads some Soldiers to be more resilient to experiences common to Soldiers, and what decreases resilience in others.</p> <p>The SHOS-B project is necessary to provide previously unavailable information about a wide range of factors that may be useful in better understanding and predicting suicide death among Army Soldiers. Ultimately, we hope that this information will help to prevent unnecessary deaths among Soldiers.</p>				
Project Period	01/2010 - 06/2014		Proposal No:		
Data Collection	03/2012 - 12/2013				

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:
Pretest End:
Staffing Completed:
SS Train Start:
DC Start:

Pretest Start:
Recruitment Start:
GIT Start:
SS Train End:
DC End:

Other Project
Team Members

Report Period Feb, 2013 (SHOS-B) **Project Phase** Initiation
Monthly Update Update included in Army STARRS report.

Special Issues

Cost
Mar 31, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	0.00
Estimated Cost at Completion	0.00
Total Budget:	1,157,879.52
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	0.00

Measures

Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal: Goal at Completion: Current actual: Estimate at Complete: Variance:		

Other Measures

Project Name Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers (Army STARRS)
Project Mode Primary: Class SAQ Secondary: Mixed Total of Modes: 2
Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current
Budget **Direct Budget:** 24,375,004.00 **Indirect Budget:** 6,332,159.00 **Total Budget:** 30,707,164.00
Principal Investigator/Client Steve Heeringa (University of Michigan)

Project Team

Project Lead:	Nancy J Gebler
Budget Analyst:	Mary Anne Kern
Production Manager:	Dante Vasquez
Senior Project Advisor:	Beth-Ellen Pennell
Production Manager:	Margaret Lee Hudson
Production Manager:	Andrew L Hupp

Description: The Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Service Members (STARRS) is the largest study of suicide and mental health among military personnel ever undertaken. The purpose of the collaborative study is to identify modifiable risk and protective factors and moderators of suicidal behavior, to help inform the Army's ongoing efforts to prevent suicide and improve Soldiers' overall psychological health and functioning. To do this, investigators from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), the University of Michigan, Harvard Medical School, Columbia University, and the National Institute of Mental Health will conduct an epidemiologic study of mental health, psychological resilience, suicide risk, suicide-related behaviors, and suicide deaths in the Army. The study will evaluate representative samples of Soldiers across all phases of Army service, both retrospectively and prospectively.

Project Period 07/2009 - 06/2014 **Proposal No:** 09-0046
Data Collection 01/2011 - 12/2013

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:
Pretest End:
Staffing Completed:
SS Train Start:
DC Start:

Pretest Start:
Recruitment Start:
GIT Start:
SS Train End:
DC End:

Other Project Team Members Lead Team: Mary Kern; Barbara Lohr_Ward, Lisa Holland, Lisa Wood, Kathy LaDronka, Margaret Hudson, Andrew Hupp, ZoAnne Balckburn, Meredith House, Dante Vasquez, Lisa Lewandowski-Romps, LaMont Manley, Louis Daher.

Report Period Feb, 2013 (Army STARRS) **Project Phase** Initiation
Monthly Update Update info given directly to Admin.

Special Issues

Cost
Mar 31, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	0.00
Estimated Cost at Completion	0.00
Total Budget:	30,707,164.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	0.00

Measures	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal: Goal at Completion: Current actual: Estimate at Complete: Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name Health and Daily Life (DUST II 2013)
Project Mode Primary: Telephone Total of Modes: 1
Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current
Budget **Direct Budget:** 744,423.00 **Indirect Budget:** 459,804.00 **Total Budget:** 1,204,227.00
Principal Investigator/Client Vicki Freedman (UM, ISR, SRC)

Project Team

Project Lead:	Robert Lee
Budget Analyst:	William Lokers
Production Manager:	Russell W Stark
Senior Project Advisor:	Stephanie A Chardoul
Production Manager:	_UnAssigned
Production Manager:	_UnAssigned

Description: This project is a supplement to the 2013 Panel Study of Income Dynamics. Respondents from PSID 2013, fitting the proper age criteria, will comprise the survey sample. The PSID Staff will be responsible for selecting the sample that meets the demographics desired for this project. The sample will consist of both coupled households, and single person households. For all sample members, interviews will be obtained for one random weekday and one random weekend day. Among coupled households, interviews will be obtained for husbands and wives on the same random weekday and random weekend day. In total, 4,698 diaries will be completed. Two instruments will be administered - the first interview will have a CATI Time Diary averaging 40 minutes in length and a Blaise instrument averaging 15 minutes in length (55 minute total); the second interview will have a second Time Diary and a smaller Blaise instrument that, combined, will average 40 minutes. Each respondent will be interviewed twice in the course of the study, once on a weekday and once on a weekend day. For each respondent, one interview will average 50 minutes and the second will average 40 minutes. The data collection period is from June, 2013 to January, 2014. All interviews will be conducted by telephone in the Survey Services Lab (SSL) using a Blaise instrument, using SurveyTrak on PC's.

Project Period 01/2013 - 04/2017 **Proposal No:**
Data Collection 06/2013 - 01/2014

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start: 01/01/2013	Pretest Start: 04/11/2013
Pretest End: 05/02/2013	Recruitment Start: 03/15/2013
Staffing Completed: 05/31/2013	GIT Start: 06/03/2013
SS Train Start: 06/04/2013	SS Train End: 06/06/2013
DC Start: 06/10/2013	DC End: 01/31/2013

Other Project Team Members Jas Sokhal, Tech Lead; Jeff Smith (SurveyTrak), Jim Hagerman (Blaise), Holly Ackerman (WebTrak), Genise Pattullo (Help Desk), Minako Edgar (Data Ops), Beth Jones (Site Coordinator)

Report Period Feb, 2013 (DUST II 2013) **Project Phase** Planning

Monthly Update The month of February was mostly spent in developing the technical tools needed for the project, namely, the Blaise and SurveyTrak applications. Discussions with SSL were carried out to define its staffing needs for both the Pretest and the Production phases of the project. Work also began on the development of the training materials that will be needed for the Pretest. Regular meetings between the PI and the Survey Director began this month, as well.

Special Issues

Cost

Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	77,925.91
Estimated Cost at Completion	1,204,227.00
Total Budget:	1,204,227.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	0.00

Measures	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:	1,515	80%	8.99
Goal at Completion:	1,515	80%	8.99
Current actual:	0	0%	0
Estimate at Complete:	1,515	80%	8.99
Variance:	0	0.00%	0.0

Other Measures Note that the completion goal of 1,515 and the HPI goal of 8.99 are based on Family Units (FU) rather than on individuals. The combination of coupled households and single ones should yield approximately 4,698 completed diaries.

Project Name Health and Retirement Study (HRS 2012)

Project Mode Primary: Face to Face Secondary: Telephone Total of Modes: 3

Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current

Budget **Direct Budget:** 13,160,794.00 **Indirect Budget:** 4,737,885.00 **Total Budget:** 17,898,679.00

Principal Investigator/Client David Weir (UM, ISR, SRC)
Mary Beth Ofstedal (UM, ISR, SRC)
Kenneth Langa (UM, ISR, SRC)

Project Team **Project Lead:** Heidi Marie Guyer
Budget Analyst: Jeffrey Keeler
Production Manager: Stephanie Sullivan
Senior Project Advisor: Mary P Maher
Production Manager: Rebecca Gatward
Production Manager: Robert Lee

Description: The Health and Retirement Study (HRS) is a national, longitudinal study conducted every two years since 1992. The study includes a representative sample of US residents aged 50 years and older. Every six years (three waves) a new cohort of US residents aged 50 to 55 are screened in to the study to maintain representativeness. In 2004, the early baby boomers were screened in and completed a baseline interview. In 2010, the mid baby boomer cohort was added as well as a minority oversample of both early and mid-baby boomers. A series of physical measures and biomarkers are collected with half of all living respondents each wave as well as a self-administered questionnaire. In 2012, panel members asked to participate in the PM/Bio & SAQ will be asked again, as well as the 50% of baseline respondents who were not asked in 2010/11 as part of their baseline interview. Additionally, permission to link to Social Security Administration records, Medicare and Medicaid are obtained. In 2012, consent to link to Veterans Administration (VA) records will be requested of all veteran respondents (n~6,000). The HRS 2010 sample will include approximately 26,500 respondents. The total budget amount reflected here represents pre-production, main data collection and post-production cost estimates.

Project Period 08/2011 - 04/2012 **Proposal No:** 12-0044

Data Collection 04/2012 - 02/2013

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start: 08/01/2011	Pretest Start: 01/30/2012
Pretest End: 02/15/2012	Recruitment Start: 11/06/2011
Staffing Completed: 03/29/2012	GIT Start: 04/15/2012
SS Train Start: 04/19/2012	SS Train End: 04/23/2012
DC Start: 04/24/2012	DC End: 01/31/2013

Other Project Team Members Maryam Buageila, Erin Burgess, Dianne Casey, Piotr Dworak, Rebecca Gatward, Heidi Guyer, Frost Hubbard, Bob Lee, Heather Rejto, Andrea Scott, Stephanie Sullivan

Report Period Feb, 2013 (HRS 2012) **Project Phase** Implementing

Monthly Update Interviewing continued in February, with emphasis placed on customizing the approach needed to complete each case through a line-by-line review conference between the Iwers and their TL's. Staff consolidations were made to better align the number of staff with the amount of available sample. This was coupled with a new Iwer incentive plan that would reward a level of effort and effectiveness that would allow production to meet its goals. Respondent incentives were also increased for most of those subgroups which had not already been increased.

Special Issues

Cost

Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	17,319,296.37
Estimated Cost at Completion	17,780,017.64
Total Budget:	17,898,679.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	118,661.36

Measures	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:	21,678	88.6	7.72
Goal at Completion:	21,790	88.0%	7.6
Current actual:	21,296	86.5	7.35
Estimate at Complete:	21,790	88.0%	7.6
Variance:	0	0.00%	0.0

Other Measures

Project Name Health Disparities (HealthDisp)

Project Mode Primary: Web Total of Modes: 1

Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current

Budget **Direct Budget:** 8,180.00 **Indirect Budget:** 4,265.00 **Total Budget:** 12,466.00

Principal Investigator/Client Dr. James Jackson (Research Center for Group Dynamics - ISR)

Project Team

Project Lead: Andrew L Hupp

Budget Analyst: Andrew L Hupp

Production Manager:

Senior Project Advisor: Stephanie A Chardoul

Production Manager:

Production Manager:

Description: The study involves recruiting patients participating in Cardic Rehab at the UM Hospital. Project staff will collect biological measures, extract information from patient records and administer a web based survey. SRO's involvement is in developing the web based instrument and providing support once the survey is launched.

Project Period 01/2009 - 06/2013 **Proposal No:** 09-0007

Data Collection

Milestone Dates	PreProduction Start:	Pretest Start:
	Pretest End:	Recruitment Start:
	Staffing Completed:	GIT Start:
	SS Train Start:	SS Train End:
	DC Start:	DC End:

Other Project Team Members Marta Murray Close, Paul Schulz

Report Period Feb, 2013 (HealthDisp) **Project Phase** Implementing

Monthly Update The project staff tested the latest version of the instrument and has given a list of items they want changed/updated/fixed. Those changes will be made. The project staff asked the SPA in a meeting about the follow-up instruments (which they had not provided) and a budget for a new project with a similar instrument.

Most of the changes/updates/fixes have been made. The proejct staff will be given a new version to test in March. Paul Schulz will be coming on to finsih any fixes after this and will work on the subsequent waves of the instrument. A meeting is scheduled with the project staff, Andrew and Paul to transition the work of finalizing the main instrument and begin work on the follow-up instruments.

Andrew and Paul met with the project staff about the new changes and fixes that are still needed and the next follow-up survey that needs to be programmed. Paul is taking over the programming moving forward. Paul will make the changes and give a testing version to the project staff. Once the initial instrument is finalized the work on the follow-up instrument will begin. The project staff has been learning about the instrument as they interview participants using paper surveys which have prompted changes in the programming of things they had not foreseen. The follow-up instrument is largely based on the main instrument. Once everything is working there, that instrument will be used as the basis for the follow-up instruments.

May '12

Paul continues to provide testing version and makes corrections and additions as necessary as they test. The main instrument is close to being ready. After that Paul will begin programming the follow-up instruments (which are largely subsets of the main instrument). Stephanie C. has been working with the client on all of the scope changes and getting more funds from them.

June '12

Paul continues to provide testing version and makes corrections and additions as necessary as they test. The main instrument is close to being ready. After that Paul will begin programming the follow-up instruments (which are largely subsets of the main instrument). Stephanie C. has been working with the client on all of the scope changes and getting more funds from them. They have agreed to provide more funds, but they are awaiting all of the funds from SPH.

July '12

Paul has most of the instrument programmed. There are a few remaining items that need to be fixed. Once those items work, Paul will begin working on the follow-up instruments. Stephanie C. has been working with the client on all of the scope changes and getting more funds from them. They have agreed to provide more funds, but they are awaiting all of the funds from SPH.

August '12

Paul has most of the instrument programmed. The research team continues to make changes to the instrument. Once those items have been implemented, Paul will begin working on the follow-up instruments. Stephanie C. has been working with the client on all of the scope changes and getting more funds from them. They have agreed to provide more funds (cover our overrun and provide additional money), but they are awaiting all of the funds from SPH.

September '12

Paul has most of the instrument programmed. The research team continues to make changes to the instrument. Once those items have been implemented, Paul will begin working on the follow-up instruments. Stephanie C. has been working with the client on all of the scope changes and getting more funds from them. They have agreed to provide more funds (cover our overrun and provide additional money), but they are awaiting all of the funds from SPH.

October '12

Paul has most of the instrument programmed. The research team continues to make changes to the instrument. Once those items have been implemented, Paul will begin working on the follow-up instruments. Stephanie C. has been working with the client on all of the scope changes and getting more funds from them. They have agreed to provide more funds (cover our overrun and provide additional money), but they are awaiting all of the funds from SPH. Andrew spoke with the research team and they have provided SRO with access to an account on the RCGD side for Paul to charge to. We will be able to move the overrun to their accounts once they have their year 3 funding from SPH.

November/December '12

Paul made the last few updates to the instrument. The project staff tested and signed off on the production instrument. Paul worked with them on the best way to handle loading the sample and is available to answer questions. He has begun working on the follow-up instruments now that they have signed off on the base instrument.

January '13

Paul has been working on the Wave 2 follow-up instrument. That is close to being finished with a few changes expected after further testing has occurred. After that he will program the next two waves which are based on the Wave 2 instrument with only minor wording changes expected. All time is being charged to a project staff account. I spoke with the financial person on their side about the overrun. They will roll the SRO balance up into the RCGD balance thereby absorbing the overdraft.

February '13

Paul provided the Wave 2 instrument and has been working on the Wave 3 instruments. The client has come back with changes to the Wave 1 instrument they would like made. Time continues to be charged directly to project accounts. We have been in contact about absorbing the SRO overrun.

Special Issues

This project has been slow to get started. The development time for the questionnaire was quite long. The project shows a slight overrun. A staff member not working on this project mistakenly charged time. That time was removed.

Cost	Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	14,399.95
Feb 28, 2013	Estimated Cost at Completion	14,399.95
	Total Budget:	12,466.00
	Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	-1,933.95

Measures	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal: Goal at Completion: Current actual: Estimate at Complete: Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name	Impact of the Michigan Merit Curriculum & Michigan Promise Scholarship on Student Outcomes Project			
Project Mode	(Transcript Study) Primary: Data Processing Secondary: Not Available			
Project Type	Sponsored Projects	Project Status	Current	
Budget	Direct Budget: 72,443.00	Indirect Budget: 39,481.00	Total Budget:	111,924.00

Principal Investigator/Client
 Barbara Schneider (Michigan State University)
 Brian Jacobs (University of Michigan)
 Kenneth Frank (Michigan State University)

Project Team
Project Lead: Donnalee Ann
Budget Analyst: Christine Evanchek
Production Manager:
Senior Project Advisor: Heidi Marie Guyer
Production Manager:
Production Manager: Donnalee Ann Grey-Farquharson

Description: SRO will implement technical system and protocol development, and data collection activities for a five-school pilot study. The objectives of the data collection pilot include 1) design instruments, protocols and technical systems for the collection of student transcripts and other course-related materials; 2) estimate the uncertainties and contingencies that would likely ensue for the eventual full scale study (150 schools); and 3) define/propose the work scope and costs for the full scale data collection effort.

Survey Research Operations involvement will cover a period of approximately 7 months, starting in June and continuing through December 2012.

Between June , 2012 and December 31, 2012, a small SRO team will develop and implement the pilot study in five Michigan schools designed to obtain the following:

- Transcripts on high school seniors from the initial time period (2002-2003) to the present.
- End of course assessments (math & science) from the initial time period to the present.
- Syllabi of math & science courses, textbooks, and other materials from the initial time period to the present.
- Teacher rosters of class assignments from the initial time period to the present.
- School surveys.

Post Collection Processing:

- All collected materials will be imported into the sample management system, requiring scanning of paper forms. No additional coding or data entry is included in the SRO budget.
- All data file management and analysis will be performed by the EWB research staff.

Weighting & Estimating:

- There are no sample weights or estimates expected for this pilot project.

Deliverables:

- Data files and documentation of instruments, protocols, and technical systems.
- Proposal for the work scope/budget associated with data collection and coding activities for the full study sample.

Project Period 06/2012 - 12/2012
Data Collection 08/2012 - 12/2012

Proposal No:

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:
Pretest End:
Staffing Completed:
SS Train Start:
DC Start:

Pretest Start:
Recruitment Start:
GIT Start:
SS Train End:
DC End:

**Other Project
Team Members**

Lesli Scott, Heidi Guyer, Karin Schneider, Donnalee Grey-Farquharson, Katie Huang, Hueichun Peng, Rebecca Loomis

Report Period

Feb, 2013 (Transcript Study)

Project Phase

Implementing

Monthly Update

We are moving through the sample list of schools and have more than 65 of the list of 150 on board. That is, they verbally agree to participate. Our struggle is getting the schools/districts to fulfill the data request. They are generally quite slow and frequently want additional time (in some cases, they only agree to participate if they can delay the fulfillment until the very end of our optimal timeframe - end of April) and the lack of real data in hand is disappointing to PIs. We now also have a slew of refusals, more than 20, some of which we consider to be quite firm (these cases will be reviewed with PIs next Monday, 3/11, we are hoping in some cases that the PIs can make a call or two to help with some of the reluctance).

On a related note, we also have the counsel of ORSP to formalize our data use letter for schools and have an ORSP signature on it and this is impacting our pushing schools for data as we wait for them to approve the revised letter content.

Special Issues

Only the pilot budget is showing for BUDGET. With the additional 2013 budget, there will not be an overrun.

Cost

Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	114,270.00
Estimated Cost at Completion	278,720.00
Total Budget:	111,924.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	-166,796.00

Measures

	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:			
Goal at Completion:			
Current actual:			
Estimate at Complete:			
Variance:			

Other Measures**Project Name**

Intensive Measurement of Drug Use during Transition to Adulthood (IMDU)

Project Mode

Primary: Web Secondary: Mail

Project Type

Sponsored Projects

Project Status

Current

Budget

Direct Budget:	102,830.00	Indirect Budget:	57,072.00	Total Budget:	159,902.00
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**Principal
Investigator/Client**

Megan Patrick (ISR)

Project Team

Project Lead:	Esther H Ullman
Budget Analyst:	William Lokers
Production Manager:	Barbara Aghababian-Homburg
Senior Project Advisor:	Sue Ellen Hansen
Production Manager:	
Production Manager:	

Description: During May and June 2012 approximately 600 high-school seniors will be recruited to complete a paper baseline questionnaire in three high schools in the southern part of Michigan. In September 2012 a letter and email invitation will be sent to 300 of the recruited respondents inviting them to complete a 30 minute web based questionnaire (Wave 1). The respondents will receive three email reminders over 10-14 days and a reminder phone call to complete the survey. They will then be sent, on a rolling basis, an email invitation to complete 14 daily diary surveys with daily email reminders. They will also receive texts and phone call reminders at designated intervals. They will be sent incentive checks based on amount of participation in each phase (i.e. number of daily diary's completed). There will be a second wave of the Web survey January 2013 following the same protocol as Wave 1. A third Wave will be conducted in May 2013 following the same protocol as earlier waves. In addition during the May 2013 administration a control group (N=300) will also receive the mail and email invitations to complete a web questionnaire. The control group will receive the three email reminders over 10-14 days and then phone or text messages but no daily diary questionnaires. In each of these waves the option of mailing a paper questionnaire will be included for those who do not have internet access. There will also be the need to obtain assent based on age at each administration

Project Period 02/2012 - 07/2013

Proposal No: 10-0050R02

Data Collection 05/2012 - 06/2013

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:

Pretest Start:

Pretest End:

Recruitment Start:

Staffing Completed:

GIT Start:

SS Train Start:

SS Train End:

DC Start:

DC End:

Other Project Team Members Minako Edgars, Rebecca Loomis

Report Period Feb, 2013 (IMDU)

Project Phase Implementing

Monthly Update Wave 2 of the IMDU web and diary survey continued through February. By 2/28 59 web surveys were completed (.30RR). This rate of completion was the same as Wave 1. The SSL began follow-up persuasion calling.

Special Issues

Cost

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	110,989.61
Estimated Cost at Completion	159,648.41
Total Budget:	159,902.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	253.59

Measures

Units Complete

RR

HPI

Current Goal:

Goal at Completion:

Current actual:

Estimate at Complete:

Variance:

Other Measures

Project Name Interactive Multi-Media Assmt of Tchrs' Knowledge (IMAK-R)

Project Mode Primary: Mixed

Project Type Sponsored Projects

Project Status Current

Budget

Direct Budget:	422,376.00	Indirect Budget:	219,636.00	Total Budget:	642,012.00
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Principal Investigator/Client Dr. Joanne Carlisle (U of M School of Education)

Project Team

Project Lead:	Meredith A House
Budget Analyst:	Stephanie A Ford
Production Manager:	
Senior Project Advisor:	Lesli Jo Scott
Production Manager:	
Production Manager:	

Description: The purpose of this project is to develop and explore the validity and practicality of using a web-based system to assess teachers' knowledge as evidenced through their evaluation of the effectiveness of reading lessons. SRO will participate in phases of the project that involve study and system design discussions with the SOE team; video-taping in classrooms and processing video clips from the footage that will be used in the system; development, programming and testing of a multi-media technical system. The technical system will allow teachers to view and rate the reading lessons using digital video recordings of classroom instruction presented through a multi-media website.

Project Period 08/2008 - 07/2012

Proposal No: 08-0028

Data Collection

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:

Pretest Start:

Pretest End:

Recruitment Start:

Staffing Completed:

GIT Start:

SS Train Start:

SS Train End:

DC Start:

DC End:

Important Project Dates

Classroom video-taping:10/01/2009
Beta Study data collection:06/28/2010
"Main Study" data collection:10/22/2010

Other Project Team Members

Larry LaFerte, Hemant Kannan, Jeannie Baker, Najla August

Report Period
Monthly Update

Feb, 2013 (IMAK-R)
 No information available.

Project Phase

Initiation

Special Issues

Cost
Mar 31, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect): 0.00
Estimated Cost at Completion 0.00
Total Budget: 642,012.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC): 0.00

Measures

	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:			
Goal at Completion:			
Current actual:			
Estimate at Complete:			
Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name Math Solutions (LMT MS)

Project Mode Primary: Class SAQ Secondary: Observation Total of Modes: 3

Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current

Budget **Direct Budget:** 1,249,959.00 **Indirect Budget:** 681,228.00 **Total Budget:** 1,931,187.00

Principal Investigator/Client Heather C. Hill (Harvard University)
 Robin Tepper Jacob (University of Michigan)
 Douglas Corey (Brigham Young University)

Project Team **Project Lead:** Karin Schneider
Budget Analyst: Mary D Hopper
Production Manager: Barbara Aghababian-Homburg
Senior Project Advisor: Lesli Jo Scott
Production Manager:

Description: Evaluation of the Math Solutions program. Recruit teachers (80) in Norfolk, VA, to be randomized into case group (receive Math Solutions training August 9-13, 2010) or control group (do not receive MS training). Teachers fill out 3 SAQs in year 1 (90 min & 30 min), 2 SAQs (30 min) in years 2 and 3. Administer student assessments (60 min) in Fall and Spring from 2010 to 2013. Videotape and code cases teachers on 3 different occasions (2 consecutive days each) in each of Spring and Fall of each year. Videotape control teachers 3 occasions (2 consecutive days each) in year 3 only. Teachers are interviewed after each videotaping (5-10 min) and treatment teachers will be interviewed 15-30 minutes each spring.

Project Period 05/2009 - 04/2013

Proposal No: 10-0018RO2

Data Collection 12/2010 - 04/2013

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:

Pretest End:

Staffing Completed:07/01/2010

SS Train Start:09/23/2011

DC Start:11/14/2011

Pretest Start:

Recruitment Start:03/01/2010

GIT Start:

SS Train End:09/26/2011

DC End:06/30/2013

Important Project Dates

teacher recruitment-YR 2:05/01/2011

SR re-training (if needed):09/23/2011

fall student assessment:10/01/2011

contamination study SAQs:06/01/2011

Videotaping treatment teachers:11/01/2011

treatment prof dev:11/07/2011

New teacher SAQs:11/07/2011

SRIS programming Year 2:05/31/2011

Spring Student Assessment:04/01/2012

Other Project Team Members

Report Period
Monthly Update

Feb, 2013 (LMT MS)

Project Phase Implementing

Teacher attrition due to re-assignment of teaching responsibilities has brought the teacher count down to 54 (33 treatment teachers). Videotaping continues and is going well.

Video Session Progress 2/28/13

Video Session 1 100% complete

Video Session 2 96% complete

Video Session 3 55% complete

thereNow Video Log 2/25/13

Passed QC 130

Failed QC 1

Waiting for QC 50

Processing 3

Received 1

Shipped 60

Total Videos logged 245

Total videos Completed=280 (2/27/13)

Spring assessment planning is underway. A "new" qualitative interview is planned for treatment teachers (this was part of the original study design, but was not implemented in previous years). Pls have authorized an additional \$75 payment for this qualitative interview.

Special Issues

Cost
Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect): 1,197,000.00

Estimated Cost at Completion 1,530,000.00

Total Budget: 1,931,187.00

Variance (Budget minus E\$AC): 401,187.00

Measures

Units Complete

RR

HPI

Current Goal:

Goal at Completion:

Current actual:

Estimate at Complete:

Variance:

Other Measures

Project Name MDRC - Reading Partners Program Evaluation Project (MDRC)

Project Mode Primary: Class SAQ Secondary: Face to Face Total of Modes: 2

Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current

Budget *Direct Budget:* 612,409.00 *Indirect Budget:* 122,481.00 *Total Budget:* 734,890.00

Principal Investigator/Client Robin Jacob (EWB)

Project Team

Project Lead: Sarah Crane

Budget Analyst: Christine Evanchek

Production Manager: Sarah Crane

Senior Project Advisor: Nicole G Kirgis

Production Manager:

Production Manager:

Description: Reading program assessment project in three different areas of the country. School-based group SAQ administration as well as individual assessments to evaluate student progress.

Project Period 08/2012 - 09/2013

Proposal No:

Data Collection 10/2012 - 08/2013

Milestone Dates

*PreProduction Start:*07/11/2012

Pretest End:

*Staffing Completed:*08/22/2012

*SS Train Start:*09/25/2012

*DC Start:*10/01/2012

Pretest Start:

*Recruitment Start:*07/27/2012

GIT Start:

*SS Train End:*09/27/2012

*DC End:*06/15/2012

Other Project Team Members

Becky Loomis

Jessica Huff

Rachel Rifkin

Report Period Feb, 2013 (MDRC) **Project Phase** Implementing

Monthly Update Spring assessments have been ordered.
A small team of SSL Iwers will support project staff with the hard copy processing (sorting, labeling, packing) of assessments the week of April 9.

Current activities include TEL/Centra trainings of returning staff, contacting schools to confirm admin dates and booking travel for May/June production.

Special Issues

Cost

Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect): 395,866.70

Estimated Cost at Completion 725,397.83

Total Budget: 734,890.00

Variance (Budget minus E\$AC): 9,492.16

Measures

	Units Complete	RR	HPI
<i>Current Goal:</i>	19 Schools Overall	90% Overall	N/A
<i>Goal at Completion:</i>			
<i>Current actual:</i>	19 Schools Fall	98% Fall	N/A
<i>Estimate at Complete:</i>			
<i>Variance:</i>			

Other Measures

Project Name Michigan Council on Educator Effectiveness (MCEE)

Project Mode Primary: Mixed Secondary: Observation Total of Modes: 3

Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current

Budget **Direct Budget:** 0.00 **Indirect Budget:** 0.00 **Total Budget:** 4,900,000.00

Principal Investigator/Client Brian Rowan (U of M: Education and Well Being and SOE)

Project Team

Project Lead: Stephanie A Chardoul
Budget Analyst: Christine Evanchek
Production Manager: Barbara Aghababian-Homburg
Senior Project Advisor: Stephanie A Chardoul
Production Manager: Meredith A House
Production Manager: Evanthia Leissou

Description: In 2011, Governor Snyder appointed a special advisory council, the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness (MCEE), to provide a recommendation to the State on standard teacher evaluation protocol that would be implemented State-wide. Last spring, the Council issued a preliminary report, stating that a pilot study was needed before they could make a recommendation. The chair of MCEE is Deborah Ball (UM School of Education Dean, and member of SRC-EWB faculty); she engaged Brian Rowan (and subsequently, SRC) in conducting the planned Pilot. SRO became involved in summer 2012, with the Pilot project officially starting in August.

The main components of the Pilot are teacher observation tools (4 proprietary tools were selected to be part of the Pilot) and standardized student assessments. With basically no preproduction or planning time, 14 school districts from across the State were selected and recruited into the Pilot sample. The districts were assigned one of the four observation protocols, and the principals and other administrators from every district attended 4 days of training (provided by the vendors but arranged by SRO). The training sessions occurred from mid-August through late September, and 8 SRO field staff ("school researchers") were also trained on the protocols with the principals. As part of the Pilot protocol, the principals are required to complete 3 observations (using their assigned tool) on every classroom teacher, and a subset of those observations will be "paired observations" with our SRO school researchers. We will use the paired observations to measure inter-rater reliability, as a way of assessing the validity of each tool.

In addition to the observations, each district is required to implement the Pilot student testing regime. The regime includes computer-adaptive testing (NWEA-MAP) for all K – 6 grade students, ACT-EXPLORE for 7th and 8th grade, ACT-PLAN for 9th and 10th grade, and ACT for 11th and 12th. All students will take at least two tests (fall and spring), and the results will be used to measure student growth during the year, and will be used to calculate Value Added Measurements (VAMs) for the teachers. SRO is responsible for contracting with the testing companies, providing training to the districts, coordinating all testing activities between the vendors and the districts, and collecting the results to prepare for analysis by EWB.

In order to implement the VAM modeling, links of students and teachers are required. As part of our SRIS sample management system, SRO is developing a "rostering" system that uses student and teacher data provided by the districts to format course lists that are accessed by teachers through a secure portal. The teachers confirm their students, and these rosters are then used as part of the analysis of teacher effectiveness.

In addition to the observation and testing components, SRO is also administering additional surveys of teachers and administrators in the districts, to collect information on their teacher evaluation process, and also their experience with the Pilot. SRO is also coordinating overall communication with the districts, including things such as an interactive web site, newsletters, etc.

The final deliverable is a report to MCEE that provides all analyses of the observations and student growth data, as well as descriptive information of the observation tools, the testing regime, and the general experience of the districts. This report will also include bids that we collect from the observation and VAM vendors, providing estimated costs for implementing their tools State-wide.

Project Period 08/2012 - 06/2013 **Proposal No:** 13-0007
Data Collection 08/2012 - 05/2013

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:	Pretest Start:
Pretest End:	Recruitment Start:
Staffing Completed:	GIT Start:
SS Train Start:	SS Train End:
DC Start:	DC End:

Other Project Team Members Stephanie Chardoul, Meredith House, Eva Leissou, Donnalee Grey-Farquharson, Cathy Myles.
 Verononica Connors Burge is a second Production Manager.
 Programmers are Hueichun Peng and Ahmad Chehade.
 Lesli Scott of EWB is a "consultant".

Report Period Feb, 2013 (MCEE) **Project Phase** Implementing

Monthly Update

- ISR programmers finalized the rostering system. It has full functionality for loading in class lists by teacher, updating student status, approving each class, and sending the completed list to the administrator for final approval. We finalized plans for the rostering pilot, and developed training materials and reference guides for the teachers and principals participating in the pilot.
- The ISR school researchers continued with the paired observations, conducting scheduled sessions in conjunction with principals in all districts. February marked the end of Round 2 observations, so by the end of the month, we had completed the second set of observations on all selected teachers. For Round 2, we implemented a new type of observation, where we sent two ISR school researchers to the same session. Each teacher will be observed once (during either Round 2 or Round 3) in this way, so we have additional data for calculating inter-rater reliability across the four protocols.
- ISR school researcher continued with calibration activities across the four observation protocols, focusing on a different protocol each week. Every Monday, the school researchers were assigned a new video to watch and apply ratings. Their ratings were compared to "master score" ratings provided by the vendors, and the results were discussed via conference call (usually with a trainer from the vendor's staff participating) the following Monday.
- ISR continued to work with the student assessment vendors (NWEA and ACT) to finalize plans for the spring testing. We completed a second set of contracts with ACT for the spring round, and received the ACT and PLAN data from the fall testing.
- We continued to work with the selected VAM vendors and the Council subcommittee to define the VAM task. We completed extensive documentation and data request forms to receive the necessary files from MDE for both the VAM vendors and our own Pilot analysis work. We began the procurement process within the University of Michigan to establish contracts with the VAM vendors.
- The ISR Pilot team agreed to implement the data collection activities (focus groups) for the Administrator Evaluations. During February, we completed 8 of the 10 focus groups with ISDs across the state (the remaining 2 groups will be completed in early March). The ISR team traveled to each location and conducted the 2-hour sessions with 7-15 participants per group. Pilot districts were also invited to participate in these sessions.
- The Pilot team contacted districts and started conducting interviews (via phone) collecting information on their current implementation of teacher evaluations – including how they incorporate data from observations and student growth measures.
- The Pilot team started defining a process to collect information from each Pilot district on the costs and resources associated with teacher evaluation under the current system and state requirements.

Special Issues

Cost	Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	1,666,921.24
Feb 28, 2013	Estimated Cost at Completion	3,590,791.99
	Total Budget:	4,900,000.00
	Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	1,309,208.01

Measures

	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:			
Goal at Completion:			
Current actual:			
Estimate at Complete:			
Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name	National Children's Study (MANCS)				
Project Mode	Primary: Face to Face	Secondary: Telephone	Total of Modes: 2		
Project Type	Sponsored Projects		Project Status	Current	
Budget	Direct Budget:	2,463,586.10	Indirect Budget:	359,585.49	Total Budget: 2,823,171.59
Principal Investigator/Client	Nigel Paneth (MSU) Daniel Keating (UM) Michael Elliot (UM)				
Project Team	Project Lead:	Kirsten Haakan Alcser			
	Budget Analyst:	Mary D Hopper			
	Production Manager:	Sarah Crane			
	Senior Project Advisor:	Beth-Ellen Pennell			
	Production Manager:	Shonda R Kruger-Ndiaye			
	Production Manager:				

Description:

This is a longitudinal study that will enroll and follow a nationally representative sample of approximately 100,000 children born in the US. The study will collect information on children from birth through 20 years of age. Data collection starts during pregnancy or in some cases prior to pregnancy. The study combines survey research with biological, environmental and developmental assessments to measure how risk factors interact with each other to influence children's health. Eligibility requirements include: Women residing in randomly selected segments, aged 18-44, not infertile and not cognitively impaired. The study targets (1) non-pregnant women who are 18-44 and actively trying to become pregnant; (2) women age 18-44 who are in the first trimester of pregnancy; (3) several groups defined in terms of whether the women (age 18-44) are in a sexual relationship, using birth control, or are beyond the first trimester at initial screening.

The Michigan study is currently funded to be carried out in Wayne County. It is a highly interdisciplinary study involving a large group of investigators across many fields, primarily in medicine or epidemiology, as well as many local institutions.

NOTE (January 30, 2013: SRC contract expired end of September 2012. We received a 6 month extension (JPFOC) to close down the study including final data submissions and data destruction (in compliance with FISMA).

The budget for the extension has just been established and entered into CRS (January 2013). I am going to continue reporting on the extension under this entry. Thus, the budget numbers will not match the totals indicated here. I will make a note about that with each monthly update. The extension budget for SRO is \$165,239 (\$106,263 direct).

The current funding in Wayne County is for 5 years. The UM/SRO budget includes costs for the two UM principal investigators, M. Elliott and D. Keating.

A random selection of 15 segments will be done. SRO interviewers will update electronic listing information and screen all households in a selected segment. SRO will conduct baseline in-person interviews and repeated follow-up interviews (phone and in-person) with eligible mothers and fathers of children. SRO will screen approximately 12,000 households to complete about 1,750 effective screens and will enroll about 250 "births" during each of the 5 years for a total of 1000 "births".

PILOT:

(April 2010) MANCS Wayne County Pilot: The full MANCS workscope (and budget) is reduced. Various scopes of work will now be proposed and funded, the total budget not to be exceeded).

As of October 2010, the CRS has been established for the NCS Provider-Based study only. This pilot is to be conducted in Wayne County and will recruit eligible women through their providers. Eligibility is still limited to age eligible women living within the boundaries of the originally sampled and listed 15 segments. The study goal is to recruit 100 women during a six month period, starting in January 2011. The NCS Project Office is expected to review progress from across different Study Centers each using one of 3 recruitment methods and then make a decision about how to proceed for the main data collection.

For this reason (and per request from SRO financial group), we are changing the cost monitoring to monitor only for the Pilot.

The original main MANCS was SRO #07-0055F; We have now input the number pertaining to the Pilot.

Project Period

10/2007 - 09/2012

Proposal No: SRO #05-0055S01**Data Collection**

01/2010 - 08/2012

Milestone Dates**PreProduction Start:**05/01/2010**Pretest Start:****Pretest End:****Recruitment Start:**01/17/2011**Staffing Completed:**11/15/2010**GIT Start:**01/10/2011**SS Train Start:**01/12/2011**SS Train End:**01/14/2011**DC Start:**02/17/2011**DC End:**09/30/2012**Other Project****Team Members**

Hemant Kanan; Jenny Bandyk; Brad Goodwin; Julie Webb; Donnalee Grey-Farquharson; Shaowei Sun; Rebecca Loomis

Report Period

Feb, 2013 (MANCS)

Project Phase

Closing

Monthly Update

KEY: As of October 1, SRC's involvement in data collection has ended on this project. MSU was awarded the JOFOC -- extension contract -- for the period Oct 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. UM's involvement is reduced during this period, consisting primarily of continued VDR data delivery till the end of November (when even MSU/WSU cease data collection), as well as other final data deliveries to assist in the transfer of data collection to NORC for any future follow up with our Wayne County study participants. NOTE: Total cost for SRO to cover this extension is \$165,239.

The WSU staff wrapped up their interviews with the study women on November 30, 2012. SRC continued to pull the interview and SurveyTrak data from the laptops until the end of their data collection. SRC submitted all data via the VDR through the end of the WSU field period as well as prepared one last VDR submission for Dec 13.

SRC worked with MSU and WSU to assist in the launch of re-contacting the study women by WSU staff to obtain consent from them to permit MSU to follow the women outside of the NCS study proper. The NCS study will continue to follow up women across all study centers via regional data collection agencies. NORC will follow the MANCS women.

In November and December we engaged in discussions with MSU and SRC-CMT on various aspects of close-out procedures as well as transfer of data to NORC.

UPDATE for February 2013: In February we continued to work closely with CMT to document precise location of all data, including backup/storage so as to prepare a comprehensive plan for data destruction per the requirements of the PO. We got all the necessary approvals to deliver data to MSU, including instructions for what and how to deliver data from the FISMA enclave.

We delivered data files for all the questionnaire data (not including personal identifying information) to MSU. MSU will deliver these data to S3 (the NCS data repository outfit). We also transferred scanned copies of consent forms to MSU, which they will transfer to PO designate.

[The previous account was closed out in November. PI signed off and we ended up de-obligating \$85,108.98. Since we were receiving funds in increments during the last year, the total budget was never awarded. Thus, we were awarded \$1,080,555 and expended \$995,446. This was only for the period of November 2011 through September 27, 2012.

Because of the way that the budget was funded, there is no complete match with the original budget input into MPR.]

PLEASE SEE SPECIAL ISSUES BELOW REGARDING BUDGET STATUS FOR THIS 6-MONTH EXTENSION.

Special Issues

NOTE: We have one month remaining of this 6-month phase of our NCS involvement. This is a phase to "transition" the project to another organization by end of March 2013. Budget Status. Total SRO budget: \$165,239. As of end of February, we had spent \$117,405.83. Projected variance at completion is estimated at -\$143.89.

Cost
Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	2,718,295.59
Estimated Cost at Completion	2,718,295.65
Total Budget:	2,823,171.59
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	104,875.94

Measures

	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:	100		
Goal at Completion:	100		
Current actual:			
Estimate at Complete:			
Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG 2010-2020)			
Project Mode	Primary: Face to Face Total of Modes: 1			
Project Type	Sponsored Projects		Project Status	Current
Budget	Direct Budget:	29,643,043.00	Indirect Budget:	10,415,123.00 Total Budget: 40,058,166.00
Principal Investigator/Client	William Mosher (NCHS) Mick Couper (ISR)			
Project Team	Project Lead: Nicole G Kirgis Budget Analyst: Nancy Oeffner Production Manager: Sharon K Parker Senior Project Advisor: Mary P Maher Production Manager: Jennifer M Kelley Production Manager: Sarrah Ahmed Buageila			

Description: The NSFG is a national survey of women and men 15-44 years of age designed to provide national estimates of factors affecting pregnancy and birth rates, including sexual activity, cohabitation, marriage, divorce, contraceptive use, miscarriage and stillbirth, infertility, and use of medical services for family planning and infertility. NSFG 2010-2020 includes eight years of continuous data collection starting in September 2011 and ending in 2019. Every year, new PSUs will be selected to replace last year's non-self representing PSUs and self-representing PSUs, and the project will continue to collect data from a set of major self representing PSUs throughout the entire data collection period. Target number of interviews is approximately 5000 per year.

Project Period 09/2010 - 07/2020

Proposal No:

Data Collection 09/2011 - 09/2019

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start:03/01/2011

Pretest Start:

Pretest End:

Recruitment Start:06/01/2011

Staffing Completed:08/17/2011

GIT Start:09/13/2011

SS Train Start:09/15/2011

SS Train End:09/19/2011

DC Start:09/20/2011

DC End:07/01/2019

Other Project Team Members

Chrissy Evanchek--Budget Analyst, Dan Tomlin--Project Support

Report Period

Feb, 2013 (NSFG 2010-2020)

Project Phase

Initiation

Monthly Update

No information available.

Special Issues

Cost

Mar 31, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):

0.00

Estimated Cost at Completion

0.00

Total Budget:

40,058,166.00

Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):

0.00

Measures

Units Complete

RR

HPI

Current Goal:

Goal at Completion:

Current actual:

Estimate at Complete:

Variance:

Other Measures

Project Name Panel Study of Income Dynamics 2013 (PSID 2013)

Project Mode

Primary: Telephone

Secondary: Face to Face

Total of Modes: 2

Project Type

Sponsored Projects

Project Status

Current

Budget

Direct Budget:

3,238,350.00

Indirect Budget:

1,797,280.00

Total Budget:

5,035,630.00

Principal Investigator/Client

Charles Brown (Director) (ISR-SRC)

Vicki Freedman & Narayan Sastry (Associate Dirs) (ISR-SRC)

Katherine McGonagle (Assistant Dir) (ISR-SRC)

Project Team

Project Lead:

Shonda R Kruger-Ndiaye

Budget Analyst:

William Lokers

Production Manager:

Sara D Freeland

Senior Project Advisor:

Stephanie A Chardoul

Production Manager:

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Production Manager:

Jennifer C Arrieta

Description: PSID is a longitudinal survey of several thousand individuals and their families, carried out since 1968 and conducted every two years. The sample is comprised of respondents from the 4,800 original families as well as new (immigrant) sample added in 1997 and 1999. The total 2013 sample size will be approx. 10,500, with approx. 9,650 completed interviews expected. Most of the information collected is about family composition and changes (marriages, divorces, births, deaths, people moving in and out), income sources and amounts, employment and pensions and wealth. There are also questions about housing, education, vehicles, health, and money spent on food, healthcare, and school. The main focus is on how these family composition and financial factors interact with each other and how they change over time.

The 2013 wave features substantial questionnaire changes, including both content additions and more extensive use of preload. The increased preload is intended to reduce interview length and respondent/interviewer burden by permitting the interview to be streamlined based upon information already known. Those efficiencies are hoped to off-set the increase in length due to content additions.

Additionally, the DUST and TA ancillary studies will follow PSID Core data collection, interviewing eligible PSID sample members via telephone. In an additional ancillary effort, PSID Heads and spouses may be contacted via mail and asked to consent to Social Security Administration record linkage.

The project is also in the midst of an SRO leadership transition, with Shonda Kruger Ndiaye transitioning to the role of SRO Project Lead after data collection is launched.

Project Period 04/2012 - 03/2014 **Proposal No:** SO # 10-0056
Data Collection 03/2013 - 12/2013

Milestone Dates

PreProduction Start: 06/14/2012	Pretest Start: 10/31/2012
Pretest End: 11/13/2012	Recruitment Start: 09/28/2012
Staffing Completed: 01/01/2013	GIT Start:
SS Train Start: 02/23/2013	SS Train End: 03/08/2013
DC Start: 03/11/2013	DC End: 12/06/2013

**Other Project
Team Members**

2011 Study Director/Advisor--Eva Leissou
 Tech Lead--Jeff Smith
 Blaise Programming--Youhong Liu
 STrak Programming--Brant Zhang
 Data Ops--Brad Goodwin, Minako Edgar, and Emily Blasczyk
 WTrak/WLog Programming--Holly Ackerman
 Help Desk Lead--Andrea Pierce
 Production Manager Support--Peggy Lavanger

**Report Period
Monthly Update**

Feb, 2013 (PSID 2013) **Project Phase** Implementing
 February work included final, pre-training Blaise, SurveyTrak, WebTrak and WebLog (Tracking) programming and testing, including programming and testing of DRI. Laptops were also loaded.

Discussions surrounding the elimination of Training Payments were on-going, with welcome memos held until the training rate was set for Field Interviewers.

February also featured heavy preparations for interviewer training (in-class exercise and training presentation finalization). Train-the-Trainers, TL Training and the beginning of Iwer Training 1 all fell in February.

Special Issues

We are still working on the 2013 Budget. **The EAC above includes projections for an HPI of 5.9. It also incorporates the SSL work. Training Payments have not yet been removed and replaced with direct bill of all hours.** The project needs to be formally rebudgeted to accommodate the following changes in scope: 1) Official increase of HPI to 5.9 or 6 to align with 2011 experience, 2) Addition of SSL work team to staffing plan, 3) Addition of Dashboard development costs (limited, but not associated with additional funding), 4) Elimination of Training Payments, 5) Incorporation of additional SD hours, per SD Transition plan. During the rebudget we will also use the actual Field and SSL staff rates for 2013. This will make estimates more precise.

**Cost
Feb 28, 2013**

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	682,377.30
Estimated Cost at Completion	5,111,548.65
Total Budget:	5,035,630.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	-75,919.65

Measures	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal: Goal at Completion: Current actual: Estimate at Complete: Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name	Project Talent Mail Survey & Non-Response Telephone Follow-up (PTMS)		
Project Mode	Primary: Mail Secondary: Telephone Total of Modes: 2		
Project Type	Sponsored Projects	Project Status	Current
Budget	Direct Budget: 431,464.00	InDirect Budget: 165,520.00	Total Budget: 596,984.00
Principal Investigator/Client	David Weir (HRS PI, SRC) Project Talent (American Institutes for Research (AIR)) Mary Beth Ofstedal (HRS, SRC (MICDA PI))		
Project Team	Project Lead: Jennifer E Bandyk Budget Analyst: Production Manager: James Koopman Senior Project Advisor: Mary P Maher Production Manager: Jennifer E Bandyk Production Manager:		
Description:	<p>This is a 50-year Project Talent follow-up feasibility and "proof of concept" study. Project Talent, located at the American Institutes for Research (AIR), is collaborating with SRC to have SRO assist with the development of materials, tracking respondents, SSA consent form and questionnaire data collection, and data processing.</p> <p>The purpose of this Health and Retirement Study (HRS) supplement is to support joint activities with Project Talent to explore feasibility of alternative approaches to administrative linkages to Social Security Administration (SSA) records and collecting data via a self-administered questionnaire.</p> <p>Project Talent participants are similar in age to the median HRS participant. This study will use a one-percent (1%) representative sample selection of 9th through 12th grade students from 1300 high schools in 1960 (N=440,000).</p> <p>There are two funding sources: *MICDA (SRO P/G F027942): \$55,109 Direct, \$85,143 Total (CRS) *HRS Supplement (SRO P/G F027939) Original \$309,390 Direct, \$420,769 Total (CRS) plus supplement workscope (11-0048S01) added October 2011 \$66,964 Direct, \$91,071 Total (CRS)</p>		
Project Period	03/2011 - 05/2012	Proposal No:	11-0048 & 11-0049
Data Collection	06/2011 - 03/2011		

Milestone Dates	PreProduction Start: Pretest End: Staffing Completed: 06/24/2011 SS Train Start: 07/11/2011 DC Start: 09/06/2011	Pretest Start: Recruitment Start: GIT Start: SS Train End: DC End: 06/29/2011
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Important Project Dates	Project Initiation (SRO Admin): 04/15/2011 SSL Tracking Training: 07/11/2011 SAQ only Non-Response Telephone 11/21/2011 Main Survey Mailing-Initial Packet: 01/16/2012 Main Non-Response Telephone 02/24/2012	Project Kick-off: 05/06/2011 SAQ only Survey Mailing: 10/18/2011 Main Survey Mailing-Adv Letter: 01/10/2012 SAQ only Survey Mailing--Packet: 02/14/2012 Main NR Calling Ends: 05/25/2012
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**Other Project
Team Members**

Project Assistant: Jeannie Baker
 Survey Director (Qnaire Dev): Lisa Holland (Spring 2011)
 Technical Coordinator/Programmer: Ming Zhu (to early Sept)
 RLM Programmer: Hemant Kannan
 DBA Programmer: Holly Ackerman
 SMS Blaise Programmer: Dave Dybicki
 Data Managers: Emily Blaszczak, Joel Devonshire
 Stats Unit: Sunghee Lee, Katie Huang
 SSL Staff: Jamie Koopman, Lloyd Hemingway

Report Period Feb, 2013 (PTMS) **Project Phase** Initiation
Monthly Update No information available.

Special Issues

Cost
Mar 31, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	0.00
Estimated Cost at Completion	0.00
Total Budget:	596,984.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	0.00

Measures	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal: Goal at Completion: Current actual: Estimate at Complete: Variance:			

Other Measures

Project Name Responding to Surveys on Mobile Multimodal Devices (iPhone)
Project Mode Primary: Mixed Total of Modes: 3
Project Type Sponsored Projects **Project Status** Current
Budget **Direct Budget:** 143,675.00 **Indirect Budget:** 78,301.00 **Total Budget:** 221,976.00
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Project Team

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Description: The primary objectives are to (1) begin the empirical assessment of collecting survey data with multimodal, mobile devices; (2) evaluate the impact of new modes such as automated voice and human text interviews on participation, completion, data quality and user satisfaction, especially in comparison to familiar modes like human voice interviews; and (3) explore how this might differ when it is possible for respondents to choose a response mode – one that is potentially different from the mode in which they are invited. Ultimately, these data will add to basic understanding of human dynamics: when and how people are willing to disclose information to interlocutors (human and computer) with different communicative attributes.

Project Period 01/2011 - 06/2012 **Proposal No:** 10-0003R01
Data Collection 03/2012 - 06/2012

Milestone Dates	PreProduction Start: Pretest End: Staffing Completed: SS Train Start: DC Start:	Pretest Start: Recruitment Start: GIT Start: SS Train End: DC End:
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**Other Project
Team Members**

Hemant Kannan - Management system programming consultant
 Yanna Yan - SMP MA Student
 Chris Antoun - SMP PhD Student
 Chan Zhang - SMP PhD Student
 Heather Schroeder - Stat Unit (Sampling and Reporting)

**Report Period
Monthly Update**

Feb, 2013 (iPhone)

Project Phase

Closing

The interface development at Parsons continues. The interviewing interface looks pretty good. There are a few small things that Parsons needs to address. Parsons is focusing more heavily on the automated side. A good portion of the work there is done. They are refining the grammars and the recognition to make the system operate better.

Parsons has provided some output from the system to the analysts so they can see the structure and look to see if there is anything else we would like to capture/add.

There have been some revisions to the questionnaire. I have spoken to the PI to make sure they are going to submit all of the little changes that have been made along the way to various pieces of text (questionnaires, recruiting text, etc.) Rhonda MH is looking into the iTunes incentives that we want to use. Parsons made the initial contact and UM has taken that over.

A training is planned for the SSL staff in March. Development of training materials will occur in February. With HRS starting in the lab in May we need to get started soon to get data collected.

A usability test was conducted in January. A pilot is planned for early March (hopefully rolling into production). We continue to push the developers.

The Michigan team also met to work on the recruiting items around Craigslist. SMP meets regularly to discuss the items in the questionnaire, the screener and the post-survey.

March '12

The interviewers were trained in March. A brief pilot of the system followed the training. 40 interviews (10 in each mode) were conducted to test to make sure everything was working correctly. The feeling thermometer questions were dropped after the pilot due to them being problematic in IVR. There were other recognition issues identified in IVR. Production began at the very end of March in three modes (human-voice, human-text, and automated-text). Refinement of the IVR will continue and will data collection will resume with that once things have been addressed.

Recruiting has been done using Facebook, Craigslist and GoogleAds. Facebook proved to not be very productive so it was dropped. Recruiting continues via Craigslist and GoogleAds. There have been days where recruitment has not kept up with production and interviewing has finished early several days or has not occurred at all due to lack of sample. Various things are being tried to coordinate the availability of sample (including increasing the call limit on cases that are now out of the contact pool).

Apr. '12

The study has progressed well. There were initial problems with IVR which have been fixed. The human interviewing is almost complete. It is expected to finish in early May. Human text interviews will be the first group to finish. Recruiting has been a bit of a hindrance. We have continued to recruit due to not being able to recruit a large enough sample to keep the interviewers busy (between the size of the sample and the calling rules). For the second experiment we will need to recruit a larger group before getting started to keep the group more efficient. The overall HPU has been low but could be lower due to the previously explained inefficiency. There have been some sporadic payment problems but it seems to be due to the user and technical issues rather than the codes provided not being good. The first experiment is expected to be finished prior to AAPOR. The second experiment will start at some point after that (in June or July).

May '12

The first experiment concluded data collection in early May. The goal was 600 interviews. We ended with 642 across all four modes. Human text interviews was the first group to finish with the IVR group the last to finish. The IVR group started later due to technical issues. They did finish quite rapidly due to it being an automated system.

We switched much of the recruiting to Mechanical Turk. Over the coming month the recruiting will be analyzed to determine the best way forward for the recruitment of participants for Experiment 2. The results of the first experiment have received a bit of press and a presentation at AAPOR and a panel at IFDTC were given about the project. Plans are underway to present at next year's conferences with the results of Experiment 2.

A few modifications to the system will be done in May and June to prepare for Experiment 2 (mode switching). Once those have been made and tested the interviewers will receive a brief refresher and data collection will begin. It is estimated that will occur in late June.

June '12

The one developer left at Parsons has made most of the changes to the system for the second experiment. The New School is in contact with one of the developers on the project who has graduated and been unresponsive about fixing

the few items he programmed. Once that has happened we can move forward with further testing and a pilot.

Testing to date shows the most of the fixes and development for the second experiment seem to be in place. Once the last few items and the other programmer fixes items related to the interview UI we can do some final testing and begin the pilot with production (hopefully) to follow shortly thereafter. We will begin recruiting a little before production to build up the pool of respondents.

July '12

Two trainings for interviewers were held. A refresher for those continuing on the project along with what changed and a separate training for those who were experienced in interviewing but new to the project. A test of the system was done with cases for a week which rolled into data collection. We started recruiting to build up a larger pool of cases so we can avoid the issue of running out of cases that we had during the first experiment.

August '12

Data collection for experiment two began in August. So far things have gone smoothly. We will need to interview into September. We will continue recruiting to try and keep the available pool up to keep the staff busy. We are in a better position at the start than we were when experiment 1 began. More iTunes codes will need to be ordered at some point. There is some uncertainty about how many people will switch modes and to which modes they will switch. We will adjust staffing accordingly to go with the flow.

September '12

Data collection for experiment two concluded in September. Things went smoothly. A debriefing was held with the PIs and the interviewing staff at the end of the month. The interviewing staff provided insight to how this worked and things the researchers needed to think about.

We had trouble purchasing more iTunes codes towards the end. The business office had purchased them directly from Apple with no problems previously. Apple changed the way that you could purchase codes (at least for educational institutions (which the contract with UM further complicated). The few remaining codes needed were procured by purchasing iTunes gifts cards at a local store and getting the code from that card and loading it into the system.

Towards the end we tried to balance the sample composition to get close to what we had for experiment one. That was achieved. Analysis will begin on the experiment two data.

October '12

Due to the busy schedule of the PIs, Andrew is helping the research team with the analysis moving forward. Most work in SRO is done. Andrew is working on getting the accounts extended out so he can continue working on the project through the analysis phase. The team is working on deciding the presentations that will be given for AAPOR.

November/December '12

We purchased two Mac laptops with the PI approval on the SRO accounts. Andrew has one and one of the grad students (Chris Antoun) has the other. The laptops are needed to do the interaction coding. The software for the interaction coding only runs on the Mac. The accounts have been extended through the end of the project period (Sept. '13). The project will likely apply for a no cost extension. The work has turned towards the analysis. Andrew will be assisting the research staff with this task moving forward.

January '13

Andrew has created a coding application to code the open ended answers related to mode choice. Andrew and two graduate students will code the open-ended answers (and calculate inter-rater reliability). Andrew spoke with the PI and budgeted some travel on the SRO budget. This will cover the PIs, two graduate students and two SRO staff members to go to presentations related to the project at the Cannell Interviewer Respondent Interaction Workshop, AAPOR and IFDTC. The remainder of the funds will be going back to the PI. Work continues on the analysis of the data collected for the Cannell Interviewer Respondent Interaction workshop, AAPOR, IFDTC and ESRA.

February '13

Andrew and two graduate students have been working through the coding scheme and have coded a few cases. We met after those few cases to calibrate how we were coding particular items and adjusted/added codes as necessary. Coding will continue and then a reliability calculated. The project will be covering conference expenses for Lloyd (IFDTC) and Andrew (Interviewer/Respondent Interaction Workshop/AAPOR/IFDTC).

Special Issues

Issues related to privacy have come up due to some recent publicity around the iPhone collecting GPS data and storing it in an unencrypted file. We will need to make sure that people are in a safe place and may need to tell them to delete the text conversations (if in that mode) before synching, otherwise the history will be kept on the users computer and could potentially be subpoenaed.

Working on how to recruit participants and pay the via iTunes.

Cost
Feb 28, 2013

Total Cost to Date (Direct + Indirect):	170,254.77
Estimated Cost at Completion	219,204.71
Total Budget:	221,976.00
Variance (Budget minus E\$AC):	2,771.29

Measures

	Units Complete	RR	HPI
Current Goal:	300/600		
Goal at Completion:	300/600		
Current actual:	341/625		
Estimate at Complete:			
Variance:			

Other Measures