Committee on National Statistics
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Public SEMINAR

Understanding Immigration: Measuring Flows, Populations, and Economic Effects

Friday, October 25, 2013 • National Academy of Sciences Main Building
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC • Lecture Room

2:00 pm — ***Light Refreshments for Seminar Guests – First Floor East Court***

2:30 — ***Welcome***
—Lawrence Brown, CNSTAT Chair and University of Pennsylvania Wharton School

2:35 — ***Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office***
—Brian Harris-Kojetin

2:45 — ***Understanding Immigration: Measuring Flows, Populations, and Economic Effects***
Good statistics are essential for informed policy choices on such complex topics as immigration. This seminar will address the state of current knowledge and challenges for data sources and estimation methods for key aspects of this contentious policy area.

- ***Tom Plewes***, director, Committee on Population (CPOP), National Research Council, will outline major questions for two new CPOP-CNSTAT studies: **Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Immigration** and **Integration of Immigrants into U.S. Society.**
- ***Alicia Carriquiry***, Iowa State University Department of Statistics and CNSTAT member, will address survey and modeling challenges for estimating gross flows across the U.S.–Mexico border, including estimates of people who turn back.
- ***Jeffrey Passel***, Pew Research Center's Hispanic Trends Project, will summarize and critique the "residual" method of estimating numbers of illegal immigrants in the United States and provide estimates of trends in net flows and key characteristics.
- ***David Card***, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics, and CNSTAT member, will discuss what we know and do not know—identifying data needs—about the socioeconomic impacts of immigrants in American society.

4:00 — ***Floor Discussion***

4:30–5:30 — ***Reception – First Floor East Court***

This seminar is open to the public. Please help us plan by registering here.

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