



HOW DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT COMPARE?

A Peer Analysis from the AY 2000-2001 Survey of
Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Sociology

Introduction

The tables included on this CD are taken from the print version of *How Does Your Department Compare? A Peer Analysis from the AY 2000-2001 Survey of Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Sociology*, based on a survey of the universe of sociology departments conducted during AY 2001-2002.

The survey questions reflect discussions with chairs of sociology departments at annual and regional meetings about their data needs for research, policy, and planning purposes.

Overview of the Report

The tables that comprise this report are divided into seven sections. Each shows variation among departments and programs in different types of institutions.

- Section 1 provides data on the characteristics of departments and their institutions (view [PDF](#)).
- Section 2 examines the characteristics of undergraduate programs in sociology (view [PDF](#)).
- Section 3 examines the characteristics of graduate programs (view [PDF](#)).
- Section 4 begins a set of tables containing information about faculty (view [PDF](#)). It shows the structural characteristics of departmental faculty including rank, tenure, new hires and departures.
- Section 5 examines the race and ethnicity, gender, and rank of faculty in departments (view [PDF](#)).
- Section 6 examines the total expenditures on salaries for faculty of different ranks (view [PDF](#)).

- Finally, Section 7 concludes by showing how much, on average, individual faculty earn (view [PDF](#)).

Methods

The Survey. To create the universe of sociology departments, we began with the National Center for Educational Statistics' 1997-98 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Completions Survey (the most recent year available at the time). The universe selected from IPEDS consisted of all institutions that had granted at least one BA degree in sociology during AY 1997-1998. The merging of these data files produced a universe of 1,093 programs that granted a minimum of a bachelors-level degree in sociology.

Indiana University's Center for Survey Research (CSR) conducted much of the fieldwork. ASA and CSR pre-tested the survey questionnaire during spring semester 2001 by sending it to a diverse sample of 100 departments. The pretest version was then re-reviewed by sociology chairs at the 2001 ASA Annual Meeting. The final survey was mailed in January 2002 to department and program chairs.

Although the date on the survey form was listed as AY 2001-2002, the data requested was for AY 2000-2001 and fall semester 2001.

Peer Departments. The 1994 version of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education was used to group departments into peer groups. This classification method was selected over others (such as department size) because a convenience sample of chairs preferred this approach. Users of this report can to determine the Carnegie code for their institution (see [Appendix II](#)) and then compare information about their own department with their peer institutions and departments.