

## Proposal for 2007 Population Association of America

Poster Abstract: Women's Educational Attainment, 2000-2005

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Women's educational attainment is reported to be on the rise.<sup>1</sup> A detailed analysis is warranted to identify which groups of women are experiencing gains. The purpose of this poster is to provide an overview of women's educational attainment using six years of data from the American Community Survey (2000-2005). Demographic characteristics such as income, poverty status, receipt of public assistance and welfare payments, and state of residence will be included in the analysis to measure and compare women's educational attainment.

Policy makers and social welfare programs that seek to promote educational attainment among women will find this information useful as it will identify those segments of the female population that are experiencing gains. It will also highlight states that have seen improvements over time.

Unlike Census data, which are collected every decade, the American Community Survey (ACS) data are collected on a monthly basis and are published annually; approximately 800,000 households are surveyed each year. With the advent of the ACS, more current information about the characteristics of the nation's households is available for analysis as compared to decennial data.

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<sup>1</sup>Stoops, Nicole. (2004). *Educational Attainment in the United States*. Current Population Reports, P20-550. U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C.

## Outline of Poster Presentation

- Panel 1. Introduction
- Panel 2. Importance of topic (Discuss need for additional descriptive information on women's educational attainment to inform policies and educational training programs targeted at women)
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- Panel 5. State rankings of women's educational attainment—2000-2005
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