

UTAH POPULATION ESTIMATES COMMITTEE (UPEC)

Tuesday, November 27, 2001
9:00 a.m

Minutes

In Attendance

ASHDOWN, Neil	Chair
FESTIN, Scott	WFRC
JENSEN, Ken	Workforce Services
MURPHY, Patricia	Office of Education
NANGLE, Barry	Department of Health
PERLICH, Pam	U of U
REEVE, Ross	GOPB
SMITH, Blake	Questar
WILLIAMS, Tom	Tax Commission

Absent

BUSSE, Walt	LDS Membership
MILLWARD, Nate	Board of Regents
TONNEY, Mike	Utah State University

Staff

DiCARO, Sophia	GOPB
DONNER, Peter	GOPB
JOHNSON, Sue	GOPB
ROVIG, Lance	GOPB
SPENDLOVE, Robert	GOPB

1. Approve April 20, 2001 Minutes - Neil Ashdown

Ken Jensen made the motion to approve the April 20, 2001 minutes. Mr. Scott Festin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Subcommittee on Intercensal Estimates Methodology - Pam Perlich

Pam Perlich presented a brief report on the findings of the subcommittee on Intercensal Estimates Methodology. Ms. Perlich has published the findings, *Revised Utah Population Estimates for the 1990's*, in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research publication, *Utah Economic and Business Review*.

Ms. Perlich reported that of the four methods used during the 1990's, Internal Revenue Service (IRS); UPEC; School Enrollment; and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saint (LDS) membership; the IRS method was the most accurate and the LDS the least accurate in matching the decennial census count.

The April 1, 2000 Census count for Utah was 2,233,169. UPEC and the Census Bureau underestimated the population count throughout the 1990's, although the estimates in some counties were quite accurate such as in Davis County where the estimation error rate was 0%.

Ms. Perlich recommended the UPEC consider using the housing unit method for population estimates

and also looking at the “top down” approach rather than the “bottom up.”

3. Consideration and Approval of 2001 State and County Estimates

Members of the committee spent the rest of the meeting carefully reviewing each county to determine the best method for each individual county, using the methodology subcommittee’s analysis and Census 2000 results as a base.

The Committee looked at school enrollment, LDS membership, and IRS tax exemptions for each county and for the state. A handout of this information, as well as a computer presentation was provided by the staff. The Committee reviewed nonagricultural jobs, building permit data, and utility data in counties where a significant divergence appeared among methods. Estimates were agreed upon by committee members.

Ken Jensen moved to adopt the proposed 2001 population estimates for each county in Utah and for the state. Blake Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.