

# *The Chairman's Forum*

**"New Demographic Realities, a Changing Economy, and the Important Role of Government"**

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**Kentucky Public Service Commission**  
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*The United States and Kentucky are experiencing new demographic realities, our economy is changing, and government has an important role to play as we address the issues we face now and in the future. We need the government and private sector to work together to address our problems and issues and make the important decisions to insure our democratic capitalism works for all our citizens.*

Ron currently serves as Director of Research and Statistics, Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet overseeing the development of databases on demographic, social, educational, workforce, and economic issues and trends relating to the state of Kentucky, October, 2009 to present. Research and Statistics is developing tables, spreadsheets, and ARCGIS maps looking at national, regional, and Kentucky realities.

Ron served as Director of the Kentucky State Data Center, KSDC, located at the University of Louisville from August, 1988 until his retirement at the end of May, 2009, nearly 21 years. The Kentucky State Data Center is the official clearinghouse for Census data for the state of Kentucky. KSDC provides data on population, housing, education, employment, and other social indicators. Historical data, current data, and projections are provided to help understand trends and issues facing individual states and the country as a whole.

He worked for 7 years, 1981-1988 as Director of Planning and Research for Metro United Way in Louisville, Kentucky. He has also worked for the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, LRC, for seven years as a staff member and Committee Staff Administrator for the Health and Welfare Committee; as a Family and Children's Therapist for Seven Counties Mental Health; and for the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children.

Ron has developed a national database analyzing trends by both Census regions and states. He also has developed Census profiles for all 50 states including population pyramids by race and Hispanic origin, a population chart showing population trends by age by race and Hispanic origin, and tables indicating trends on demographic, social and economic variables.

Ron's background is in analyzing data and developing information in ways that enhance understanding and utilization. Ron's vocation is that of "knowledge dissemination". He has averaged around 150 presentations per year around Kentucky and across the United States. He has spoken to leaders in 34 states and to several international organizations over the past few years.

He is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a major in Sociology, and minors in Political Science and Economics. He holds Masters degrees in Sociology, MA, and in Social Work, MSSW, from the University of Louisville, and a Master in Business Administration, MBA, from Bellarmine University. He did doctoral work in Sociology at the University of Kentucky.

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