The mission of the Social Science Research Center (SSRC), officially established in 1950, operates as a university-level, multi-disciplinary research unit, organized with university-wide responsibilities under the supervision of the vice presidents for research and graduate studies and of agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine. The Center offers a superior research environment with an impressive array of research opportunities and options, state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories and support units that enhance and expand both the scope and quality of social science research.
How will E-Citations impact the number of citations issued in Mississippi?

Do Mississipians think distracted driving laws are a good idea?

What impact do gas prices have on the number of vehicle accidents?

How do our social networks - friends and family - affect the initiation, state and fate of our romantic relationships?

Do gender differences affect the reasons that juveniles are referred to Mississippi Youth Courts?

How do the natural and constructed environments in which we live affect population change?

What are the economic and health impacts of smoke-free ordinances in communities in Mississippi?

After college graduation, do individuals from rural places desire to return? How would rural communities encourage them to come home?

What are the impacts of state laws designed to make school meals healthier?

Does the Mississippi workforce meet the needs of its citizens?

What can Mississippi learn from other states’ policies and programs to reduce high school drop out rates?

How is a person’s health affected by his/her environment and the other residents within that environment?

Research
The problems facing the world are so profoundly complex that their solution requires the involvement of multiple professions, disciplines, organizations and indeed even countries. Over the last 60 years, the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) has followed this interdisciplinary principle in becoming one of the major social science research enterprises in the nation. Each year, the Research Fellows, Scientists and staff of the SSRC carry out more than 60 research projects combining social science expertise with that of partners from other disciplines, universities and organizations. The effects of this research often have great impact, touching and improving the health, safety and security of others. The SSRC also offers a rich environment for graduate and undergraduate students to learn about and participate directly in significant research endeavors. We strive for innovation in our laboratories by bringing the latest in social science research technologies to our campus. We invite you to learn more about our center by visiting us when you are on campus, joining us online at ssrc.msstate.edu, and following us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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