

Dear Chair,

The Cornell Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI) is surveying economics department chairs to obtain information on how the composition of teaching faculty members in economics departments has changed during the last two decades between regular tenure and tenure track faculty, full-time other faculty (lecturers and visiting faculty), part-time faculty other than emeritus faculty, emeritus faculty, and graduate students teaching their own courses (excluding discussion sections of larger classes). For most years we request information only on the number of faculty present in each category each year (excluding faculty on paid or unpaid leave). For two years, we ask you to provide us with a listing of your undergraduate classes, the number of students enrolled in each, whether the class is an introductory economics or other economics class, and an indication of in which category the instructor in the class fell.

These data will be kept strictly confidential, as will the names of the participating departments. The only use that the data will be put is to compute by Carnegie Category and institutional control (public/private) how the distribution of economics department teaching faculty has changed and how the types of faculty teaching introductory economics and other undergraduate economics classes has changed. All participating departments will receive a summary of our findings so that they can compare themselves to other institutions in their category and control. While your response is of course completely voluntary, we hope you will conclude that the information the survey will provide us will be useful to you and that you will pass the survey on to the staff member in your department who is best suited to answer the questions.

CHERI is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc. If you go to our web page, www.ilr.cornell.edu/cheri, you will find a large number of working papers and conference papers that relate to the economics of all aspects of higher education. You will also find the results of several previous surveys that we have conducted of presidents and provosts of research universities and of department chairs of science and engineering departments. Results of this survey will be posted on our web page when it is complete.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald G. Ehrenberg

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2003 SURVEY OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Institution Name _____

IPEDS Code _____

Respondent _____

Respondent Telephone _____

Respondent Email _____

QUESTION 1:

For each of the five academic years listed below, please indicate the number of faculty present in your department (exclude those on paid and unpaid leave, but include those with part-time administrative appointments) who fall into each of the following categories. Tenure or tenure track faculty members who have joint appointments with other departments should be counted as a fraction of a full-time faculty member, with the fraction representing the share of their teaching in your department. While we hope that you can provide data for all the indicated years, we would rather have you provide as many years as you can instead of failing to respond. The categories are:

T- Full-time tenure or tenure track faculty

L- Full-time lecturers and visiting faculty

P- Part-time faculty (e.g. adjuncts) excluding emeritus faculty

E- Emeritus faculty

G- Graduate students teaching their own courses (exclude those only teaching discussion sections)

Academic Year/ Faculty Category

	T	L	P	E	G
2002-2003					
1997-1998					
1992-1993					
1987-1988					
1982-1983					

QUESTION 2:

For the current academic year (2002-2003) and for academic year 1992-93, please provide us with a list of all of the undergraduate classes your department taught, the number of students enrolled in each class, the type of instructor in the class (T, L, P, E, or G), and whether the class is a principles of economics class (P) or another undergraduate class (O). We do not require course names; a sheet that simply has your class numbers and enrollments, along with the other requested information listed on it, would be sufficient. Please exclude discussion sections associated with large lectures from the list. If data for 1992-93 are not available, please provide data for the year closest to 1992-93 for which you have data.

For your convenience, we have attached a worksheet at the end of this survey.

Thank you for your assistance!

**Please return the survey in the enclosed postage
paid envelope provided for your convenience,
fax it to 1 (607) 255-7118,
or reply by email to cast@cornell.edu.**

**If you have any questions, please call toll-free 1 (888) 367-8404 or email
your inquiry to cast@cornell.edu.**

