COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THE U.S. CENSUS

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County Poverty Rates 2004

- Alachua, FL 14.5%
- Tuscaloosa, AL 17.2%
- Brazos, TX 19.0%
- United States 12.7%

U.S. Census Bureau, *County and City Data Book*, 2007.

UVM Enrollment

Fall 1999 – 7,950 Full-Time Degree Students
 Fall 2009 - 11,227 Full-Time Degree Students

University of Vermont, Office of Institutional Research

Where and how are college students counted?

- Residential college students are counted where they live during the academic year.
- All of the data collected from the students feeds into the profile of the community.
 Population, race, income, and many other variables.

Food for thought

Where should college students be counted?
 How should student income be assessed?
 How does data from students affect the analysis of segregation?

