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Matt Ruther is an Assistant Professor of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Louisville and the Director of the Kentucky State Data Center (KSDC). Dr. Ruther was previously employed as a Research Associate in the Department of Geography at the University of Colorado Boulder. He received his PhD in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania in 2012. Professor Ruther's research focuses on small area population estimation, the geographic distribution and temporal analysis of population, and the incorporation of spatial methodologies into the study of social and demographic processes. His substantive interests include immigration and domestic migration, neighborhood growth and change, and crime policy and analysis, and his work has been published in *Demographic Research*, *Applied Geography*, and *Papers in Regional Science*. At the University of Louisville, Professor Ruther will teach courses in applied statistics, urban demography, and GIS.

As the Director of the KSDC, Matt hopes to establish further research collaborations with other departments at the University, and to expand the profile of the Center both within the Metro region and within the state. He and the staff of the KSDC are firmly committed to advancing the goals of the Center by disseminating Census data and products, promoting the use of Census products and encouraging participation in Census programs, and providing training, education, and guidance in the use of Census data.



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