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“Using the NHANES to tap the multidimensionality of what, where, when and how children eat”

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Jennifer Van Hook is Professor of Sociology and Demography at the Pennsylvania State University, Director of the Population Research Institute, and non-resident fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. She has expertise in the demographics of immigrant populations and the integration of immigrants and their children. One strand of her work uses demographic methods to estimate the size, characteristics, and dynamics of the unauthorized foreign-born population. Another strand of her work focuses on the health and well-being of immigrants and their children. She is currently working on a project that assesses how children’s contexts—i.e., country of residence, neighborhoods, schools, and families—influence the development of obesity among the children of Mexican immigrants. This work has resulted in a string of publications that demonstrate that moving to the U.S. from Mexico is associated with rapid dietary change and weight gain among children.

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