

Patrick OKOOBOH

Survey Data Analyst | Demographer | Mixed-Method Researcher
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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, United States

May 2029 (Expected Graduation)

- Ph.D. Sociology (Demography)

University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom.

- M.A. Sociology (Research Methods)

University of Benin, Edo State, Nigeria.

- B.Sc. Sociology and Anthropology

CERTIFICATES

Maryland Population Research Centre (MPRC)

Started Jan. 2025

- Certificate in Population Studies

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

- Atlas.ti, NVivo, Stata, RStudio, Qualtrics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Department of Sociology, University of Maryland
Research Assistant (JAMO Study)**

Aug. 2025 – Date

Project Title: Kinship, Nuptiality, and Child Health Outcomes in Kenya

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sangeetha Madhavan

- Managed and cleaned large-scale demographic and survey datasets using Stata and RStudio.
- Conduct literature reviews on demographic and population studies topics.
- Performed literature reviews and synthesized findings to support research outputs.
- Produced tables, figures, and population indicators for reports and publications.

**University of Maryland School of Public Health
Research Assistant**

Apr. 2025 – Sept. 2025

Project Title: Gender and family change in low-income urban Nairobi: Implications for family health and well-being.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kirsten Stoebenau

- Conducted qualitative data analysis using Atlas.ti, including generating reports and applying/revising codes.
- Built dyadic analysis matrices to explore relational patterns and compare perspectives within dyads.
- Performed thematic narrative analysis, synthesizing and contextualizing participant stories across gender and longitudinal timepoints.

**Department of Sociology, University of Essex
Research Assistant**

May 2023 – Mar. 2024

Project Title: How young men are navigating contraceptive use within different relationship contexts.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Laurie James-Hawkins

- Used NVivo to analyze interview transcripts and create reports, using qualitative research methods.
- Carried out thematic narrative analysis, bringing together participants' stories by gender and overtime.

**Population Health Response Team, Benin, Edo State, Nigeria.
Research Assistant (Benin Central Response Team)**

Jul. 2020 – Jan. 2021

- One of 23 research assistants selected to work within the Population Health Response Team in Benin city, during the covid-19 pandemic, on population health research projects funded by the Edo State Government.

Last updated: December 2025

- Involved in conducting interviews and administering questionnaires during the statewide survey on public knowledge and perception of the Covid-19 Virus, and on their willingness to take the vaccine.
- Involved in the statewide survey of the seroprevalence of the SARS-CoV-2 covid virus and on the assessment of the readiness of health facilities for covid 19 response emergencies.

Zhigma Intelligence, Edo State, Nigeria.

Mar. 2016 – Apr. 2017

Research Intern

- Assisted with the Questionnaire design and question writing.
- Assisted with Questionnaire administration and management.
- Lead the respondent follow-up process.
- Assisted with the data coding and analysis using NVivo.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Okooboh, Patrick Akhas** and Modile, Adenife 2025. “Education, region, and sibling size influence: Unpacking Nigerian women’s fertility preferences (*Revise and resubmit at Journal of Population Research*)
- **Okooboh, Patrick Akhas** 2025 “The Male Sibling Effect: Understanding Son Preference Among Nigerian Women” (*Revise and resubmit at Studies in Family Planning*)

FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, AND AWARD

- Dean’s Fellowship at the University of Maryland, College Park **2026**
- Sonalde B. Desai Current-Use Research Fund **2025**
- University of Maryland Faculty-Student Research Award **2025**
- Dean’s Fellowship at the University of Maryland, College Park **2025**
- University of Essex African Excellence Scholarship Program **2021**

AFFILIATIONS

- Maryland Population Research Centre (MPRC) **Student Research Affiliate**
- American Sociological Association (ASA) **Student Member**
- Population Association of America (PAA) **Student Member**