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Mann, Julie, Delwar Akbar, and Lindsay Greer
2010 Accessibility of Family Services in Queensland Mining Towns – A Case Study of
Middlemount, Qld. SEGRA Conference, CQ University Australia. Regions:
Delivering a Big Australia, October.

As the title suggests, this is a case study of Middlemount, Qld. – a mining town in Queensland, Australia. The objective of the study is to determine accessibility of family services in mining towns throughout Australia. The article draws upon descriptive statistics to depict the demographics of Middlemount. Starting with population, the mining town is compared to other mining towns of similar size through a liveability rating of 5.73 compared to 6.59 and 7.25 of other mining towns of similar size. Then the authors discuss median age, race, median household income per week, and most common industries of employment.

This and other data came from the SEAT (2008) study – a survey of 77 participants from the area. The authors quantify the results of the survey into percentages of respondents who mentioned particular concerns such as financial situation, employer relationship, and living arrangements. Additional free list questions and responses concern access to family services and who participants deemed responsible for providing such services.

The authors use this data to recommend efforts to educate and provide greater access to family services to mining towns such as Middlemount. The nature of the article and research methodologies employed lend themselves to general recommendations such as these.