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Dr. Ilcheva is Assistant Research Professor and Senior Associate at the FIU/MC with over 10 years of experience in behavioral research including public opinion polls, focus groups and interviews, on a variety of topics and with different target groups. Dr. Ilcheva serve as Census Information Center liaison, with expertise on data sets, analysis tools and demographic research.

Since 2007, she leads the data collection and analysis of hurricane mitigation research at the Metropolitan Center, with recurring state funding. The research includes the annual hurricane poll, periodic focus groups of Florida residents on hurricane preparedness and mitigation, as well as business continuity planning surveys. The research focuses on Florida's coastal counties, particularly the most densely populated urban areas. Research topics over the years have included the Insurance Market, Risk Reduction, Evacuations, Government Measures for the Mitigation of Loss, Critical Infrastructure location and protection, and sea level rise effect on hazard occurrence and intensity.

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