2030 Census and Redistricting Data Program Update
2020 Census Data Products

Upcoming Releases:

**August 31, 2023** – 2020 Census 118th Congressional District Summary File (includes state legislative districts)

**September 2023** – Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics – File A

Recently Released:

**May 25, 2023** – Demographic Profiles and the Demographic and Housing Characteristics File

Future Releases:

**September 2024** - Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics – File B and Supplemental Demographic and Housing Characteristics File

**Date TBD** – Privacy-Protected Microdata File

Updates on product information and release dates are available on our [website](#).
2030 Census Planning: Early Planning

• Gathering public input about research, testing, and design
  • *Federal Register* notice solicited input (comment period was August - November 2022)
  • Continuing to listen to stakeholders
  • Working with federal statistical agencies and other stakeholders on topics

• Conducting research and testing
  • Enhancement area research
  • Small- and large-scale testing

• Providing Regular Updates
  • www.census.gov/2030Census
  • Webinar series
    • First webinar was July 27, 2023 – available on website
    • Next webinar scheduled for October 2023
2030 Census Planning Timeline

**EARLY PLANNING PHASE** (2019–2021)
- Begin Early Planning
  - Analyze operational metrics.
  - Study lessons learned.
  - Review stakeholder feedback.
  - Explore potential enhancements to existing systems and methods.

**DESIGN SELECTION PHASE** (2021–2024)
- Begin Initial Design Research and Testing
  - Identify "Enhancement Areas" that will guide research and testing priorities.
  - Conclude research and small-scale testing that builds on existing systems and methods as well as creating new features.
- Engage the Public on 2030 Planning
  - Receive feedback on preliminary 2030 Census research through a Federal Register Notice.

**DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION PHASE** (2025–2029)
- Continue Research and Testing
  - Conduct research and small-scale testing.
  - Conduct two major field tests:
    - 2026 Census Test.
    - 2028 Dress Rehearsal.
- Finalize Operational Planning
  - Integrate recommendations following small-scale and field tests.
  - Develop detailed plans for each operation.
  - Produce Baseline 2 of the Operational Plan (December 2027).
  - Produce Baseline 3 of the Operational Plan (2029).

**PEAK PRODUCTION AND CLOSE-OUT PHASE** (2029–2033)
- Conduct the 2030 Census
  - Census Day will be April 1, 2030.
- Conduct Close-Out Activities
  - Implement experiments, assessments, and evaluations.
  - Gather lessons learned.

*We consult external stakeholders throughout the decade, including government agencies, tribal governments, oversight entities, the general public, and respondents.*

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2030 Census Enhancement Areas

1. Data Collection

2. Modernize Group Quarters Enumeration

3. Integrate Data Collection and Processing in Real Time

4. Streamline Operational Support Infrastructure

5. Continuous Data Collection and Aggregation

2030 Census Redistricting Data Program
Program Activities Timeline – PRELIMINARY PLANS

Establish Program and Liaisons
- Solicit non-partisan liaisons from the States
- Conduct State Capitol Kick-off meetings
- Announce RDP in FRN

Perform Geographic Data Exchange
- Prototype Redistricting Data Delivered (Part of Phase 3)
- Census Day

Provide the Counts and Supporting Geographic Data
- Finish P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data Release (Part of Phase 3)

Phase 1 (BBSP)
- 2026

Phase 2 (VTDP)
- 2028

Phase 3
- 2030

Phase 4 (121st)
- 2029

Phase 4 (122nd)
- 2030

Phase 4 (123rd)
- 2031

Phase 5
- 2032

Five Phases of the 2030 Redistricting Data Program (RDP)
- Phase 1 – The Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP)
- Phase 2 – The Voting District Project (VTDP)
- Phase 3 – Delivery of the P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data and Geographic Support Products
- Phase 4 – The Collection of Congressional and State Legislative Districts (CD/SLD)
- Phase 5 – The Review of the 2030 RDP and the Look-ahead to the 2040 RDP (The View from the States)
Preliminary Plans for the 2030 Redistricting Data Program (RDP): Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File

- No significant changes planned for geographic support products.

- File content and format highly dependent on changes to the Office of Management and Budget’s Directive No. 15 on collecting, maintaining and reporting race and ethnicity data and the Census Bureau’s disclosure avoidance methodology employed to protect data confidentiality.

- The Census Bureau’s Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office (RVDO) will continue communicating with states as to any changes planned.


- Two initial recommendations were to add Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) as a new minimum reporting category and collect race and ethnicity information using one combined question.

Final standards planned to be published by summer of 2024.
Plans for the 2030 RDP: Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171)
Summary File Data Disclosure Avoidance Concerns

States had concerns about the use of differential privacy and its potential impact on the data reliability for meeting the constitutional requirement for population balance in small jurisdictions.

States also had concerns about the disconnect between block-level housing counts, which are held invariant, and block-level population data, which are variant, and about implausible values at the block level.

States suggested keeping group quarter (GQ) population counts invariant at the block level, particularly prisons and college GQs.

The Census Bureau is researching the best ways to meet its obligation to protect the privacy of individual respondents while meeting the data needs of the redistricting community.
QUESTIONS?

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