

Estimating Citizen Voting Age Population in 2020: A Latent-Class Approach

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1. Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) Program

A special tabulation of the population of U.S. citizens living in housing units and group quarters by

- voting age (under 18, 18+)
- race and ethnicity (11 categories)

produced by the Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office, U.S. Census Bureau (RDO@CENSUS.GOV)



Source: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.html>



CVAP Uses

Historically used for research, evaluation and enforcement of the *Voting Rights Act*, including estimates required by Section 203 (limited English proficiency within Language Minority Groups)

Data Sources

- Prior to 2010, CVAP was based on the Decennial Census long form
- For the last decade, based on **American Community Survey (ACS)**
 - five-year estimates, updated annually
 - various levels of geography, down to census block groups
 - published with margins of error (MOEs) reflecting variability due to sampling
 - accuracy is understandably low for small geographies (e.g., tracts and block groups), better for larger areas (e.g., U.S. congressional districts)



Recent developments

March 26, 2018: Secretary of Commerce instructed Census Bureau to

- include a citizenship question on the **2020 Decennial Census** form
- combine census responses with all available **administrative data on citizenship** to produce CVAP tables at the **block level**

June 27, 2019: In *Department of Commerce vs. New York*, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling to remand citizenship question back to the Department of Commerce

July 11, 2019: President issued **Executive Order** directing agencies to provide citizenship information to the Census Bureau, with goal of compiling citizenship data for 100% of the population

Instructions for 2020 CVAP data product

Produce estimated counts of

• **2020 Census resident persons who are citizens and 18+ years old,**
for 2020 Census tabulation **blocks**, within categories of race and ethnicity

Not Hispanic or Latino

1. American Indian or Native Alaskan (AIAN) alone
 2. Asian alone
 3. Black or African American alone
 4. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander alone
 5. White alone
 6. Some Other Race alone
 7. AIAN and White
 8. Asian and White
 9. Black or African American and White
 10. AIAN and Black or African American
 11. Remainder of two or more race responses
12. Hispanic or Latino



Notes

- Categories of race/ethnicity are those in *P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data Summary Files*
- Release will coincide with publication of P.L. 94-171 tables by **March 31, 2021**
- In essence, we are **predicting/imputing a citizenship probability** for each person in the 2020 Census who is 18+ years old
 - These predictions are based on citizenship only from non-Decennial sources, which requires that we look for Census persons in other data sets (*record linkage*)
 - These data sources have different properties and do not always agree (*harmonization*)
 - No plan to release margins of error, but evaluation of error at different levels of geography will be important (*non-sampling error*)
- All CVAP processing will happen **downstream** from 2020 Census
 - Will use the Census Unedited File (CUF) and Census Edited File (CEF) after they are finalized
 - No CVAP results will be used in the Census or P.L. 94-171 programs
 - CVAP citizenship predictions will be given to the 2020 Disclosure Avoidance System for noise infusion, then tabulation



Methodology

Two approaches now under development

1. Business rules (conventional)

- A. Assign a binary (0/1) citizenship value to census persons who can be reliably linked to administrative-data sources and whose status seems conclusive
- B. For all others, predict a probability of citizenship ($0 < p < 1$) by fitting a model (logistic regression) to persons in group A, using predictors from the Census

2. Latent-class model (experimental)

- Treat true citizenship status as a binary latent variable, imperfectly measured by multiple items from various sources
- Fit the latent-class model, compute probability of citizenship for each person based on all available items
- Similar to 1, except the “business rules” are probabilistic rather than deterministic, and are obtained from the estimated model parameters

Recommendations on methodology to be delivered by 2020 Census Internal Expert Panel by March 31, 2020



Remainder of this presentation

- Overview of data sources
- Overview of the latent class modeling approach
- Results from a pilot study based on the 2010 American Community Survey

Topics not covered here

- Business-rules approaches
- Details of record linkage and the Person Identification Validation System
- Differential privacy and the 2020 Disclosure Avoidance System
- Many other details of Decennial operations and processing
- Computing environments and implementation strategies



2. Data Sources

2020 Decennial Census

- List of persons in each housing unit (HU) and group quarters (GQ)
- Characteristics of HU/GC
- Characteristics of each person (age, sex, race, ethnicity, relationship)
- Physical location and variables from Master Address File
- No direct measures of citizenship

The image shows a sample of a 2020 Census form, likely a 'Form 100' for housing units. The form is titled '2020 Census' and includes instructions for respondents. It contains several numbered sections with checkboxes and text boxes for data entry. A large diagonal watermark reading '2020 Census' is visible across the form.

American Community Survey (ACS)

- Annual samples of approximately 3.5 million households per year since 2005
- All items from Decennial Census, plus many more
- Questions about nativity (U.S. or foreign born) and citizenship (natural born, naturalized, non-citizen)

The image shows a thumbnail of an American Community Survey form. At the top, it says "American Community Survey" and "This requested information is part of the decennial U.S. Census Bureau questionnaire." Below this, there are several sections of text and instructions, including "Section 1: General Information" and "Section 2: Demographic Information". The form is partially obscured by a large, faint watermark that reads "CONFIDENTIAL".

Social Security Administration (SSA) Numident File



- Applications for Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and subsequent transactions
- Primary reference file for the Census Bureau's Person Identification Validation System (PVS) (Wagner and Layne, 2014)
- Nearly 90% of persons in the 2010 Census were successfully found in Numident (Rastogi and O'Hara, 2012)
- Information on nativity, citizenship and non-citizen legal status

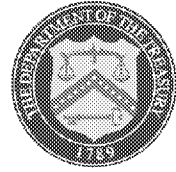
Strengths

- Numident report of citizenship can be accepted with high confidence

Weaknesses

- Reports of non-citizenship can be less reliable, because naturalizations are not always reported to SSA
- Poor coverage of resident population without SSNs

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) File



Tax processing number issued to persons who are not eligible for SSNs, including foreign nationals and non-resident aliens

Strengths

- Presence of a valid ITIN indicates that a person is a non-citizen

Weaknesses

- Absence of a valid ITIN gives little evidence for citizenship, because only a small percentage of non-citizens have ITINs (compared to 0% of citizens)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Naturalizations File



Covers naturalizations since 2001

Strengths

- All persons who were 18+ when naturalized should be present
- Should address some deficiencies of Numident

Weaknesses

- Children under 18 who were automatically naturalized with their parents are not present if they didn't also apply for a naturalization certificate
- No information prior to 2001



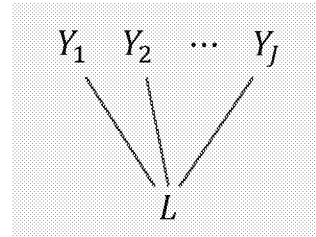
Other Possible Sources of Citizenship Information

- USCIS Lawful Permanent Resident file (green card holders)
- Department of State Passport Data (all U.S. passports)
- Customs and Border Protection Arrival Departure Information System
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (some states)
- Drivers licenses (some states)

3. Latent-Class Model

Latent-Class (LC) Analysis

- >50 year history in social sciences (Lazarsfeld and Henry, 1968), medical and psychiatric diagnosis (Formann and Kohlmann, 1996), analysis of response errors in surveys (Biemer *et al.*, 2001)
- **Local independence:** Categorical items Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_J are assumed to be conditionally independent given a latent categorical variable L
- L is the unobserved gold standard;
 Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_J are the imperfect measures of L



LC Regression

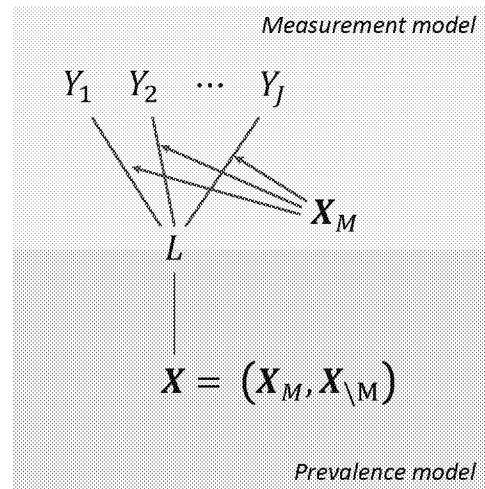
Extends the LC model by introducing a vector of additional covariates $X = (X_M, X_{\setminus M})$

X_M = moderators of relationships between L and Y_j 's

$X_{\setminus M}$ = additional covariates for predicting L

Two Parts

- **Measurement model** describes relationships between L and the items that measure it
- **Prevalence model** describes how the distribution of L varies over the population in relation to predictors (e.g., logistic regression)



Applying LC Regression to CVAP

- L is interpreted as “true” citizenship status for a person enumerated in the 2020 Census
- Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_j are items measuring citizenship from non-Census data sources, ascribed after record-linkage procedure
 - Even if a Y_j were a perfect indicator of citizenship on Census Day, it might still differ from L , because the linkage could be a false match
 - Missing values will occur among the Y_j 's because the data sources will cover varying parts of the population, and because some Census persons cannot be matched (e.g. due to insufficient information); a good fitting procedure must be able to handle lots of missing values

Fitting LC Regression Models

- Model parameters are typically estimated by **EM algorithms** (Bandein-Roche *et al.*, 1997) or by **Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)** (Lanza *et al.*, 2005); some software packages are available
- We advocate a **two-stage method** (Bakk and Kuha, 2018) that is computationally convenient and helps protect against model failure
 1. Fit the measurement model alone, ignoring the predictors of prevalence, and save the estimated measurement parameters
 2. Fit the prevalence model, fixing the measurement parameters at the values estimated in Stage 1
- The estimated parameters carried over from Stage 1 to Stage 2 can be succinctly summarized as a person-level **Bayes factor**, with a natural interpretation as an **odds multiplier**

Odds

- A translation of probability, which expresses the chance of an event on a scale from 0 (no chance) to $+\infty$ (certain to occur)
- Relationship between p = probability and ω = odds is given by $\omega = p/(1 - p)$ and $p = \omega/(\omega + 1)$

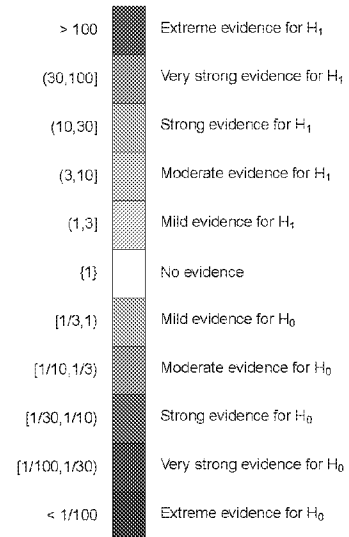
Bayes' Theorem for Hypothesis Testing Using Odds

$$\frac{P(H_1 | data)}{P(H_0 | data)} = \frac{P(H_1)}{P(H_0)} \times \frac{P(data | H_1)}{P(data | H_0)}$$

posterior odds = prior odds \times Bayes factor

Interpreting a Bayes Factor

- Adapted from Lindley (1961)
- Summarizes the evidence provided by data for comparing one hypothesis to another
- Bayes factor (BF) is the multiplier that updates the odds of H_1 versus H_0 on account of data
- If additional data become available, their evidence contributes another Bayes factor (sequential application of Bayes' Theorem)



Two-Stage Modeling in CVAP

For each person enumerated in the 2020 Census, define H_1 as “person is citizen” ($L = 1$) and H_0 as “person is non-citizen” ($L = 2$)

- Fit LC measurement model to linked dataset (Census file plus other sources) and save the person-level Bayes factor (BF), which summarizes the evidence for citizenship contained in the other sources
- Fit logistic prevalence model, a regression of the binary latent variable L on predictors from Census \mathbf{X} with unknown coefficients $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ plus the logarithm of the Bayes factor

$$\log \frac{P(L = 1)}{P(L = 2)} = \mathbf{X}^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + \log BF$$

But how do you do this without knowing L ?

Iterative Fitting of the Prevalence Model (EM version)

1. Start with initial guess $\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{0}$
2. Compute \hat{L} = predicted probability of $L = 1$ for each person as

$$\hat{L} = \text{logit}^{-1}(X^T \hat{\beta} + \log BF)$$

3. Update $\hat{\beta}$ by fitting the logistic regression of \hat{L} on X with $\log BF$ as an offset

$$\log \left(\frac{\hat{L}}{1 - \hat{L}} \right) = X^T \beta + \log BF$$

Repeat 2-3 until convergence

Interpretation of Model Quantities

- Upon convergence, \hat{L} is the person's predicted odds of citizenship
- $\exp(\mathbf{X}^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$ is the person's predicted odds of citizenship based on **Census predictors alone**, without considering other sources
- BF is the multiplier that raises or lowers the predicted odds of citizenship based on evidence from the **non-Census sources** (if none are available, $BF = 1$)

Because of the local independence assumption, BF can be factored as

$$BF = BF_1 \times BF_2 \times \cdots \times BF_j$$

where BF_j is the Bayes factor contributed by non-Census data source j (if the source is unavailable, $BF_j = 1$)

Additional Details Not Discussed Here

- The procedure just described is an EM algorithm that gives (reduced-information) maximum-likelihood estimates; for the actual application, we plan to use MCMC, which can more easily produce measures of uncertainty
- The actual measurement model may be more complicated, possibly treating voting age as an additional latent classifier
- Prior understanding about the properties of data sources may be reflected through prior distributions
- One measurement model may be fit at the national level, with prevalence models fit separately for each state
- The prevalence models may be more complicated than the logistic regressions shown here, with additional random coefficients that allow for correlation within HU's, within blocks, etc.

4. Pilot Study

Proof of Concept using Data from the American Community Survey
(CVAP Working Group, 2019)

- All respondents from **2010 one-year ACS file** (about 4 million persons),
matched to 2010-vintage **Numident** and **ITIN** files
- Collapsed race/ethnicity to **five groups**: Non-Hispanic (NH) White Alone, NH
Black Alone, NH Asian Alone, NH All Other Races, Hispanic
- Four items measuring citizenship
 - Y_1 = dichotomized citizenship from ACS (citizen, non-citizen)
 - Y_2 = Numident place of birth (U.S, foreign-born)
 - Y_3 = Numident citizenship (citizen, non-citizen)
 - Y_4 = match to ITIN (yes, no)
- Measurement models fit separately to 34 measurement groups defined by
voting age, sex, race/ethnicity and relationship (> 10,000 persons per group)



Prior Information for Measurement Models

Each model used prior distributions equivalent to augmenting two-way marginal $L \times Y_j$ frequencies with fictitious persons ("data augmentation prior")

L	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Frequency
citizen	citizen			100
nonCit	citizen			0
citizen	nonCit			0
nonCit	nonCit			100
citizen		USBorn		100
nonCit		USBorn		0
citizen		foreignBorn		10
nonCit		foreignBorn		90
citizen			citizen	100
nonCit			citizen	0
citizen			nonCit	1000
nonCit			nonCit	1000
citizen			nonMatch	100
nonCit			nonMatch	90
citizen			match	100
nonCit			match	100

Prevalence Models

- Logistic regressions fit separately to 50 states and District of Columbia (equivalent to one logistic regression with full interaction between 50 state indicators and all other predictors)
- Predictors included full interactions of age \times sex \times race/ethnicity, plus an indicator of whether ACS person could be matched to Numident/ITIN

Computations

- R with external routines in Fortran 2003
- All computations (measurement and prevalence models) run in less than two hours on a single node of IRE, no parallelization

National Estimates (weighted)

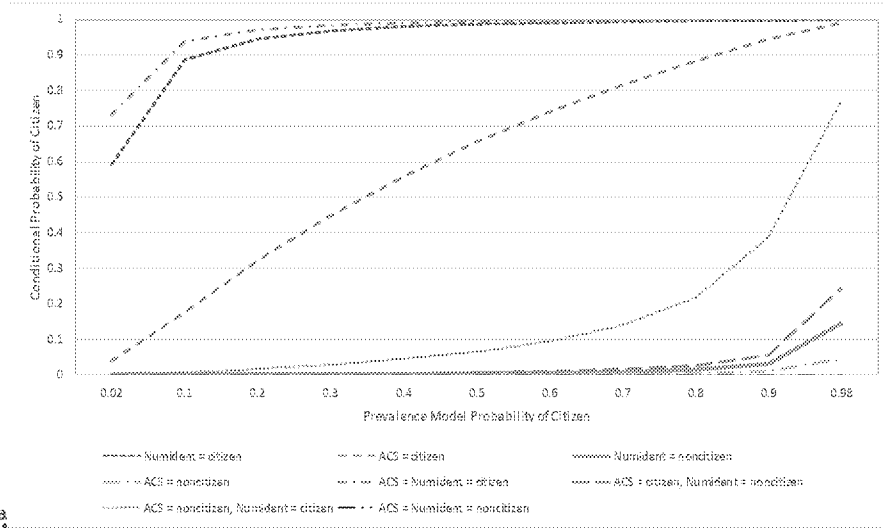
Percentage of citizens estimated under LC model and two alternative sets of business rules: one favoring the ACS, another favoring administrative records

	Assignment Rules - Survey			Assignment Rules - Admin			LC Model		
	Overall	Age 18+	Age<18	Overall	Age 18+	Age<18	Overall	Age 18+	Age<18
Total	92.6	91.2	97.1	90.4	88.5	96.4	89.3	87.1	96.0
W/ITINs	98.5	98.3	99.3	97.7	97.4	99.0	96.9	96.4	98.9
W/Block	95.9	95.1	98.1	94.0	92.5	97.6	92.6	90.8	97.2
W/Asian	70.7	66.3	86.1	56.8	49.5	82.4	55.7	48.5	80.8
W/Other	96.2	94.3	98.9	93.3	89.7	98.1	91.8	87.4	97.9
Hispanic	73.6	63.7	92.9	69.2	57.6	91.8	67.4	55.0	91.3

Source: ACS 1-year file, SSA Numident, and ITINs, 2010. The Disclosure Review Board release number is CBDRB-FY19-CMS-7901

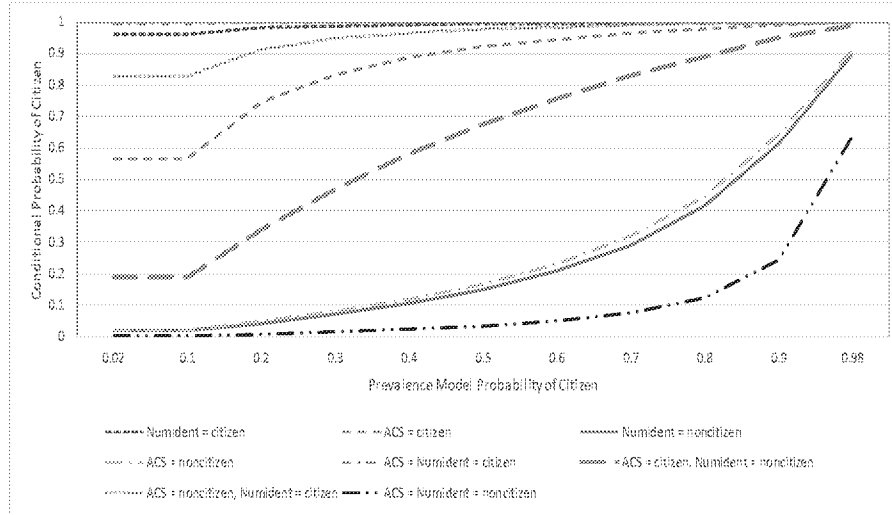
- LC estimates fewer citizens (more non-citizens) than business rules
- Business rules that favor admin records estimate fewer citizens (more non-citizens) than business rules that favor the survey responses
- Where the two sets of business rules diverge, results from the LC model are closer to those favoring admin records

Sample LC Results for NH White male reference persons, 18+



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Sample LC Results for Hispanic male non-relatives 18+



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Plots shows the relationship between estimated probability of citizenship

- based on prevalence-model predictors alone (X), and
- based on prevalence-model predictors and citizenship items (X and Y_j 's)

for various combinations of values for citizenship items

- Deviations from 45-degree diagonal line (scaled for aspect ratio) indicate the strength of evidence for/against citizenship for the given combination of citizenship items
- Perfect indicator of citizenship/non-citizenship would produce a **horizontal line** across top/bottom of plot
- Numident = citizen provides strong evidence of citizenship for these NH Whites, even stronger for these Hispanics
- Numident = non-citizen provides strong evidence of non-citizenship for these NH Whites, but less conclusive evidence for these Hispanics

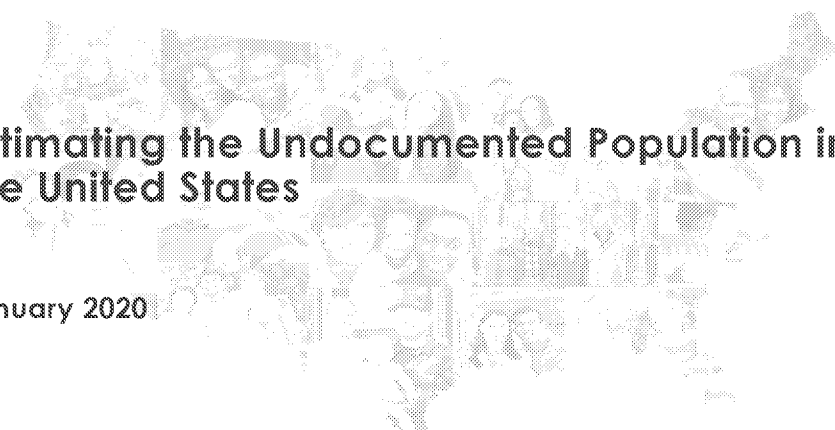
- ACS = citizen is a weak indicator of citizenship for these NH Whites, stronger indicator for these Hispanics
- ACS = non-citizen is a powerful indicator of non-citizenship for these NH Whites, weaker indicator for these Hispanics
- ACS = Numident = citizen is a nearly perfect indicator of citizenship for these Hispanics, but not for these NH Whites
- ACS = Numident = non-citizen is a nearly perfect indicator of non-citizenship for these NH Whites, but not for these Hispanics

5. Concluding Remarks

- Statistical models for synthesizing data from multiple sources are becoming feasible, even in large-scale applications
- Two-stage LC regression is computationally convenient and produces quantities (Bayes factors) that are intuitively appealing
- Still many details to work out for 2020 CVAP and other programs

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Methods for Estimating Undocumented Population

There is no source of administrative records for undocumented immigrants. There are methods to come up with estimates.

Estimation methods are based on residuals:

- Residual methods using aggregate data - Office of Immigration Statistics, Center for Migration Studies, Pew Research Center, Census (in the 1980s, 1990s)
- Residual methods matching administrative records to Census – this has not be done

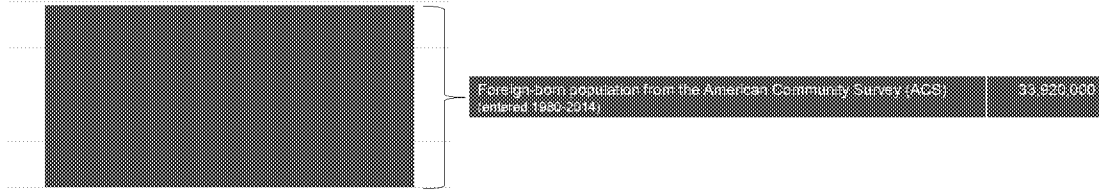
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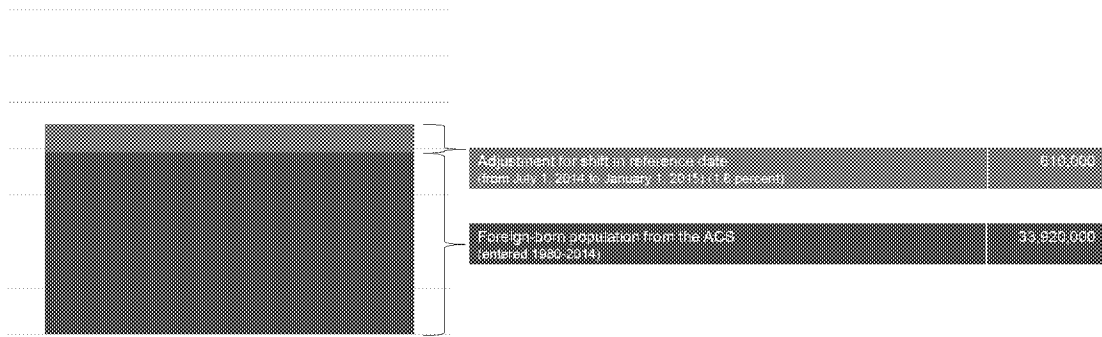
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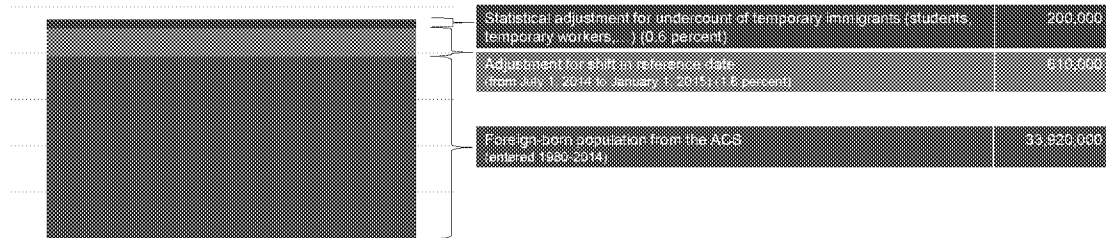
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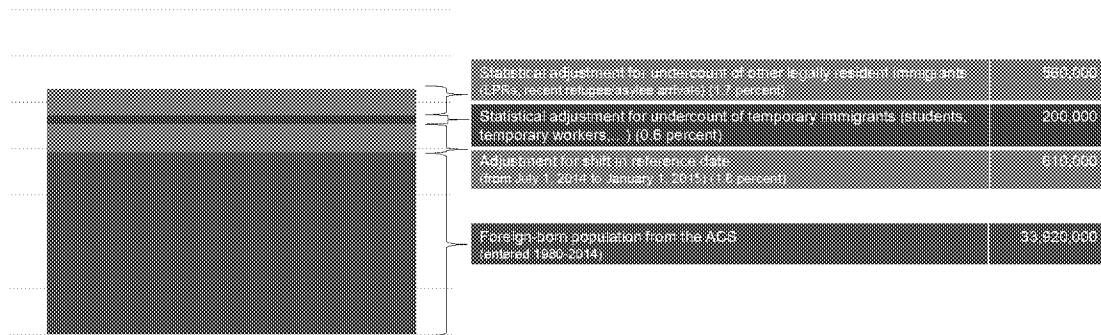
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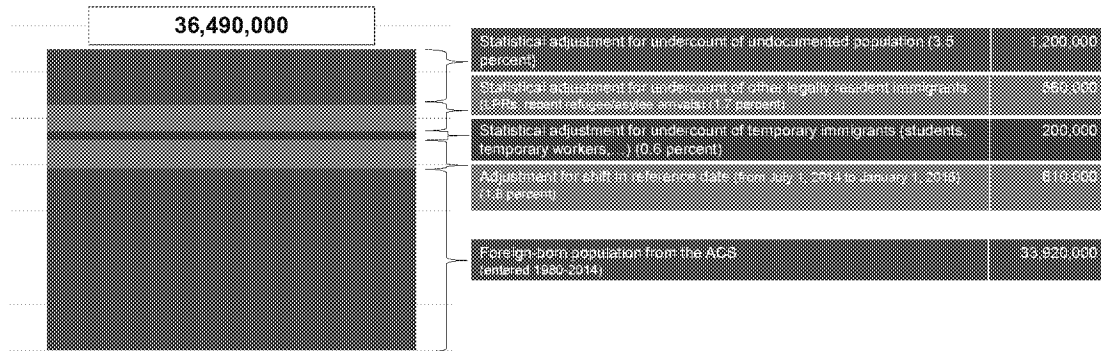
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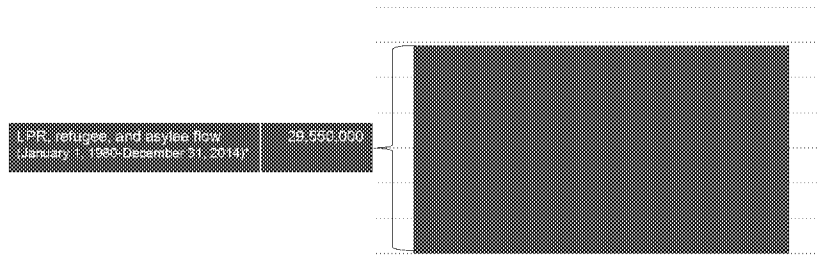
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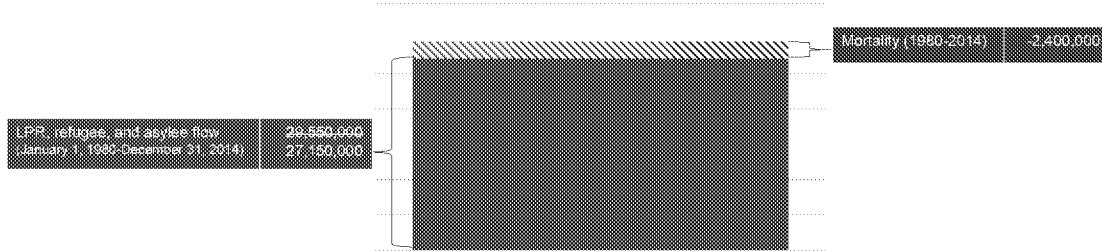
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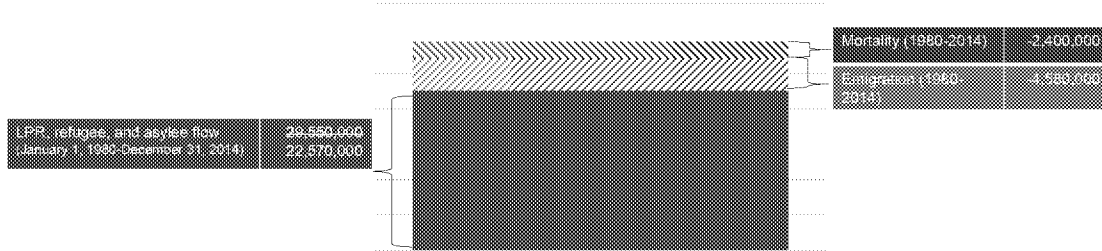
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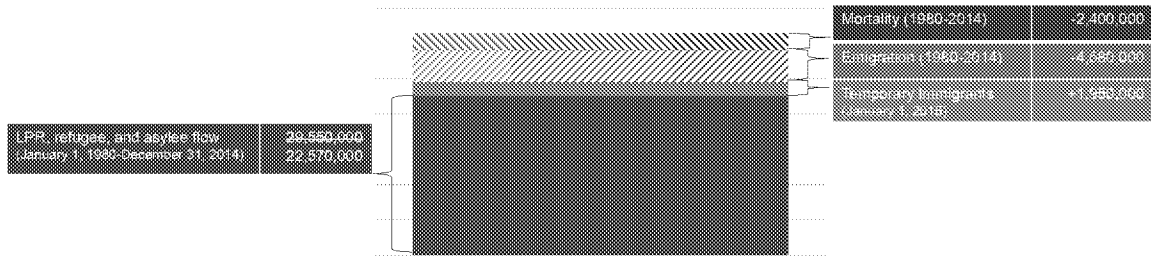
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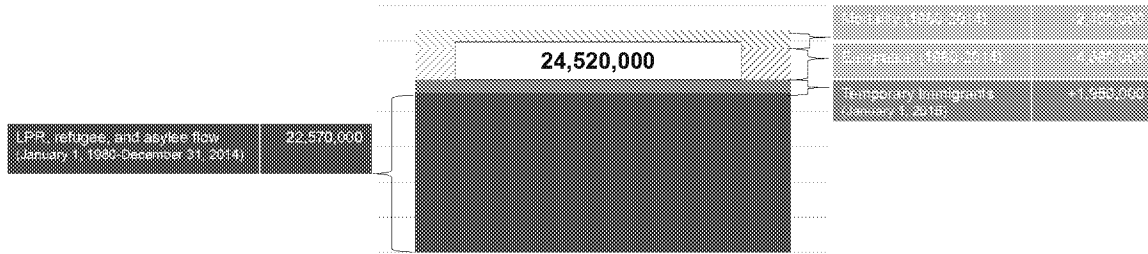
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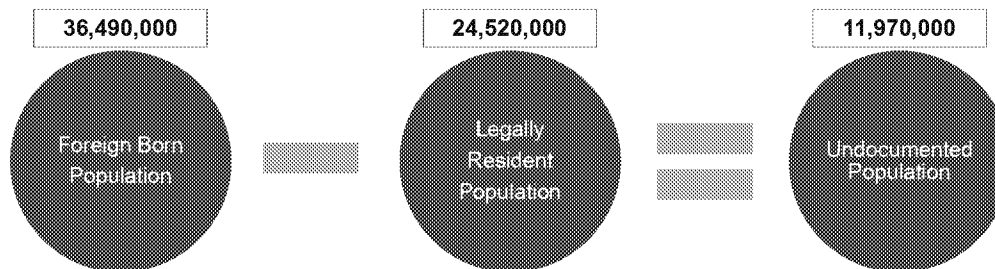
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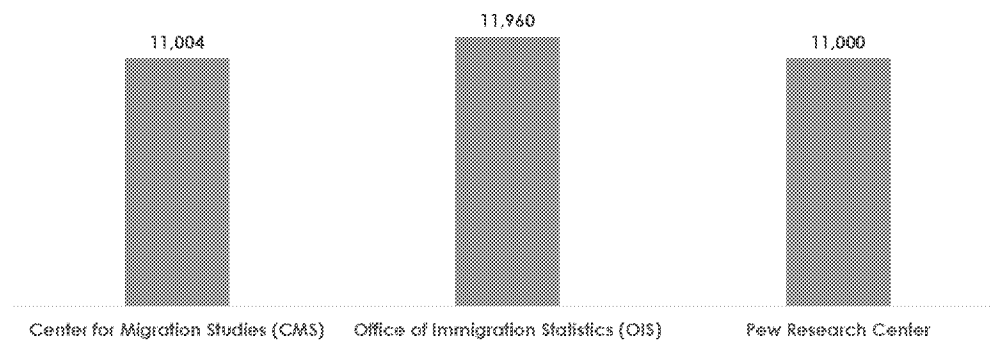
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The Estimate



Estimates of the Undocumented Population in the United States: 2015

(In thousands)



Source: OIS, 2018; Pew, 2016; CMS, 2016.

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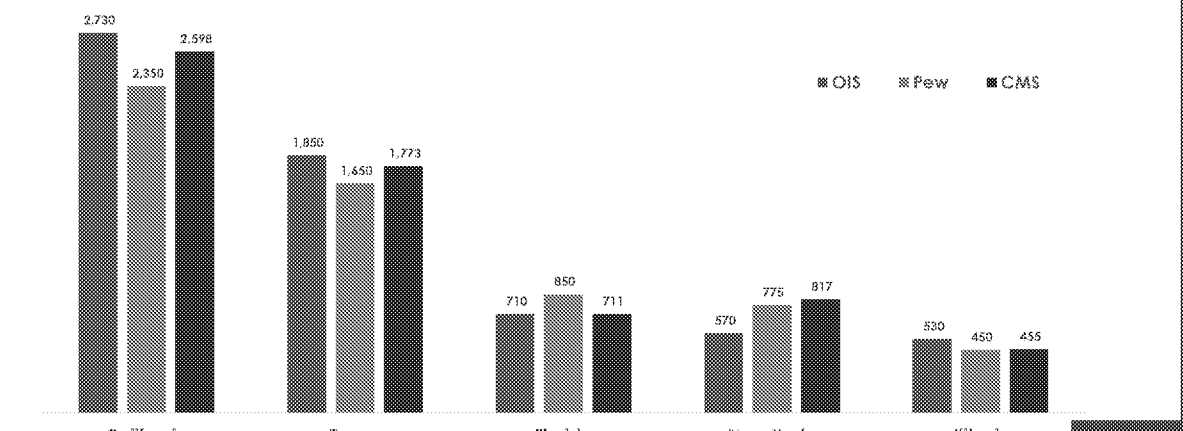
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Estimates of the Undocumented Population in the United States for the Top Five States: 2014



Source: OIS, 2016; Pew, 2016; CMS, 2016.

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Limitations to the Residual Method for Estimating the Undocumented Population

- Assumptions about statistically adjusting for the undercount of the foreign born – limited data on this so different organizations make different assumptions (e.g., OIS uses 2.5 to 10% undercount; Pew uses different percent undercounts by year).
- Mortality estimates – some organizations use outdated mortality rates
- Assumptions about the emigration of the foreign born – limited data on this so different organizations make different assumptions
- Accuracy of year of entry reporting – evidence of heaping on the 0 and 5 year

Alternative Residual Method Based on Individual Level Administrative Records

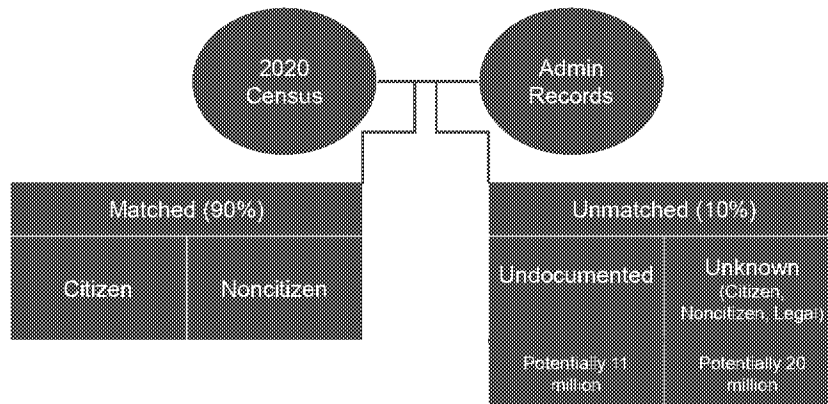
Census has or is obtaining individual level administrative records:

- SSA – Numident file
- IRS – tax filer data
- DHS on LPRs, asylees/refugees, visa holders and naturalizations (New)
- Department of State on passports (New)

Census records with personally identifiable information (PII) (e.g., name, date of birth)

We can match records based on PIKs for about 90% of individuals, the unmatched includes proxy reporting, citizens, noncitizens, and residual.

Alternative Residual Method Based on Individual-Level Administrative Records



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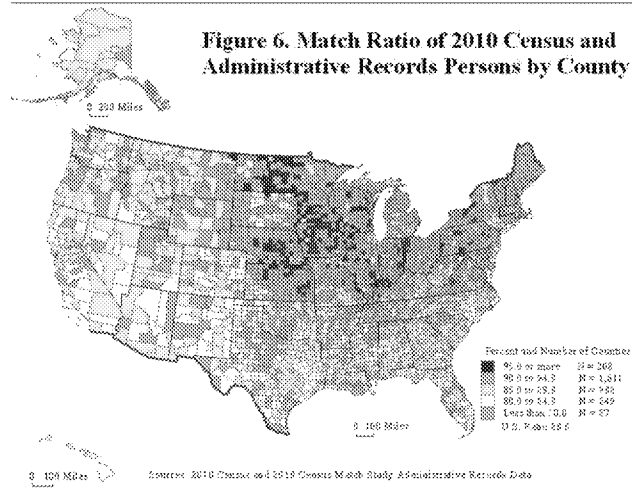
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We would need to model the unmatched

We would need to develop a model to determine who might be a citizen, a noncitizen, or undocumented immigrant.

- The model provides a probability that the person is a citizen, noncitizen, or undocumented immigrant

The model is yet to be developed.

Additional Considerations

Timing

- Census Unedited File (CUF)
 - Basis for state totals
 - Available December 2020
- Census Edited File (CEF)
 - Basis of characteristics (age , race, sex,...)
 - Available on a state by state basis in January-March 2021

Disclosure Avoidance

- Only state totals are invariant (actual counts)
- Differential Privacy for 2020 Estimates will be applied to all characteristics (including Citizenship Voting Age Population)

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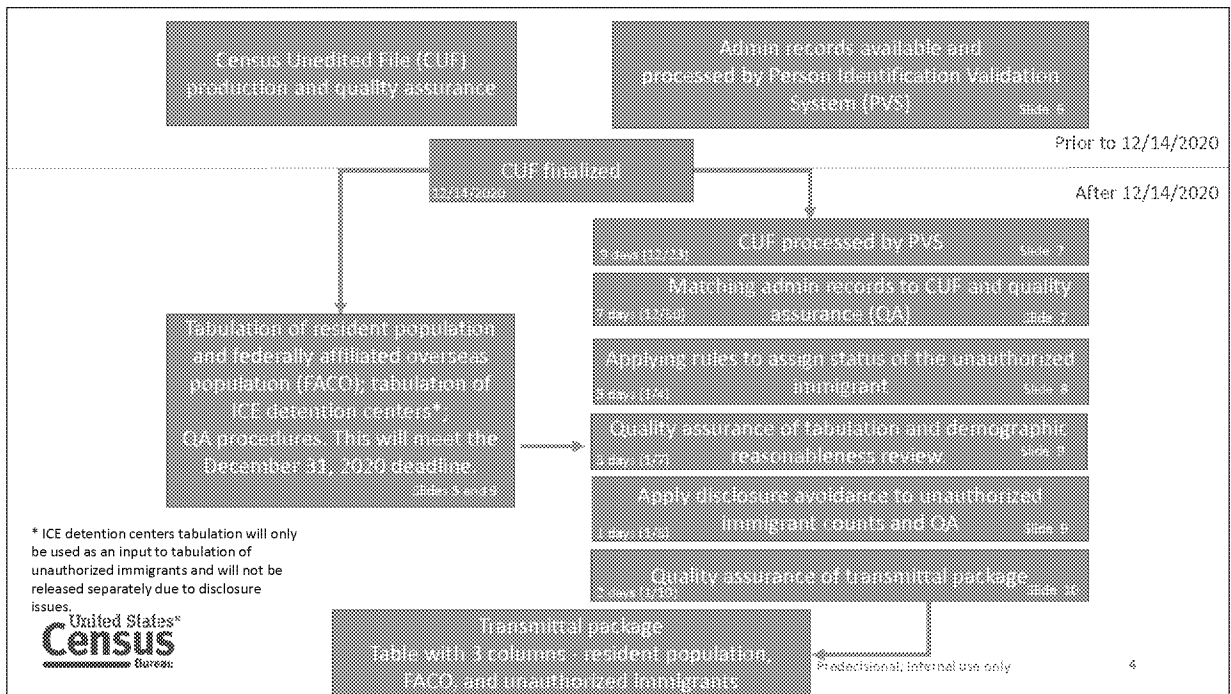
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- Rules for assigning status
- Quality assurance for the counts and applying disclosure avoidance.
- Quality assurance of the transmittal package
- Communication strategy decisions

Presidential Memorandum Teams and Data Stewardship

- **Presidential Memorandum (PM) Implementation**
 - **PM Team**
 - Team Leads – Chief Scientist and Chief Demographer
 - Includes experts on admin records, demographers, economists, and statisticians
 - Builds on the experience of the CVAP team for determining methodology and using data sets from the Executive Order 13880
 - **PM Executive Guidance Group (EGG)**
 - Chair – Director
 - Members – Cogley, Jarmin, Abowd, Creech, Fontenot, Jones, Lamas, Smith, and Velkoff
 - EGG provides the charge to the PM team and gives guidance
- **Data Stewardship Executive Policy Committee (DSEP)**
 - **Membership**
 - Chair – Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer
 - Members – Associate Directors for Decennial, Demographic, Economic, Field, and Research and Methodology; CIO; Chief of Staff; Assistant Directors for Communication and R&M; Chief of PCO; Chief Privacy Officer; two at-large members (Bishop and Lamas)
 - **Mission**
 - Ensures the Census Bureau maintains its commitment, by fulfilling the legal, ethical, and reporting obligations levied by Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Privacy Act, and other applicable statutes, including those of governmental and other suppliers of data to the Census Bureau





Tabulating ICE Detention Centers

- Inmates in ICE detention centers were counted as part of the Group Quarters enumeration process.
- When we have the final CUF, we will tabulate these data to create a count of inmates in ICE detention centers for each state.
- This tabulation can be completed by the December 31, 2020 deadline but the data will only be used as part of the final unauthorized immigrant count. They will not be released separately.

Administrative Record Sources

- The administrative record sources include
 - SSA Numident
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 - USCIS naturalization certificates, lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Special Immigrant Juveniles (SIJ), and lawful permanent resident pending applicants and denials
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 - Personal tax identifiers in the range reserved for Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs), which is public information
- These records will be put through the PVS process to assign Protected Identification Keys (PIK) prior to December and will be ready for matching when the CUF is available.
- We are awaiting delivery of 2 files.
- All MOUs need to be modified to allow tabulation of unauthorized immigrants.



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Processing the CUF through the PVS and Matching to Admin Records

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For each state and DC, we will only tabulate unauthorized immigrants who link directly to a census record. Records that do not match are out of scope.



Quality Assurance on Assignment Rules and Demographic Reasonableness Review

- Assignment rules will be independently double-programmed (concurrently) and compared to ensure data quality standards.
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- Staff will do a demographic reasonableness review of the counts. Typical process: (1) Compare current-year estimates to prior-year estimates (2) Compare to other, similar estimates (benchmarks).
 - No recent Census Bureau estimates of unauthorized immigrants in decennial censuses.
 - Compare to estimates of unauthorized immigrants from Pew Research Center (Pew 2018), Center for Migration Statistics (Warren 2018), and Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS 2018). Specifically, compare levels and rough rank-ordering of states.
- Census will apply disclosure avoidance to the unauthorized immigrant numbers and then produce a final table of unauthorized immigrants as defined as in the Presidential Memorandum.



Quality Assurance of the Transmittal Package

After disclosure avoidance is applied, we will do quality assurance of the transmittal package.

This package will include a table of the resident population, the federally affiliated overseas population, and the unauthorized population for each state.

The Census Bureau will provide this table to the Secretary of Commerce.



Communication Strategy Decisions

- The Census Bureau typically is transparent about methodologies used for data products. We need to decide how to publically communicate the methodologies used to create these tabulations and when to do this communication.
- We recommend that we do a federal register notice on the methodology because transparency requires that the American public understand how we derived the counts of unauthorized immigrants and have the opportunity to comment on that methodology.
- Data dissemination strategy – to be determined at a later date.

Review of 2020 Operational Plan Schedule

August 14, 2020 (Date/Data to be Updated Upon Clearance)

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Operational Timelines: Original and Pandemic-Adjusted

Activity / Operation	Original Dates	Replan Dates
Update Leave (Stateside)	March 15 – April 17	Phased re-opening occurred between May 4 and June 12
Service Based Enumeration	March 30 – April 1	September 22 – 24
Targeted Non-Sheltered Outdoor Locations	March 31 – April 1	September 23 – 24
Group Quarters Enumeration	April 2 – June 5	April 2 – September 3
Enumeration of Transitory Locations	April 9 – May 4	September 3 – 28
Nonresponse Followup*	May 13 – July 31	August 9 – September 30
Delivery of Apportionment Data**	By Statutory Deadline: December 31, 2020	By Statutory Deadline: December 31, 2020
Delivery Redistricting Data**	By Statutory Deadline: March 30, 2021	Plan in Development

*For a period of time, NRFU was 8/11/20-10/31/20.

**For a period of time, delivery of apportionment data by 4/30/21 and redistricting data by 7/31/21, were considered.

Self-Response Rate Summary

As of 11:59pm August 13, 2020

Total Self-Response Rate: 63.6%

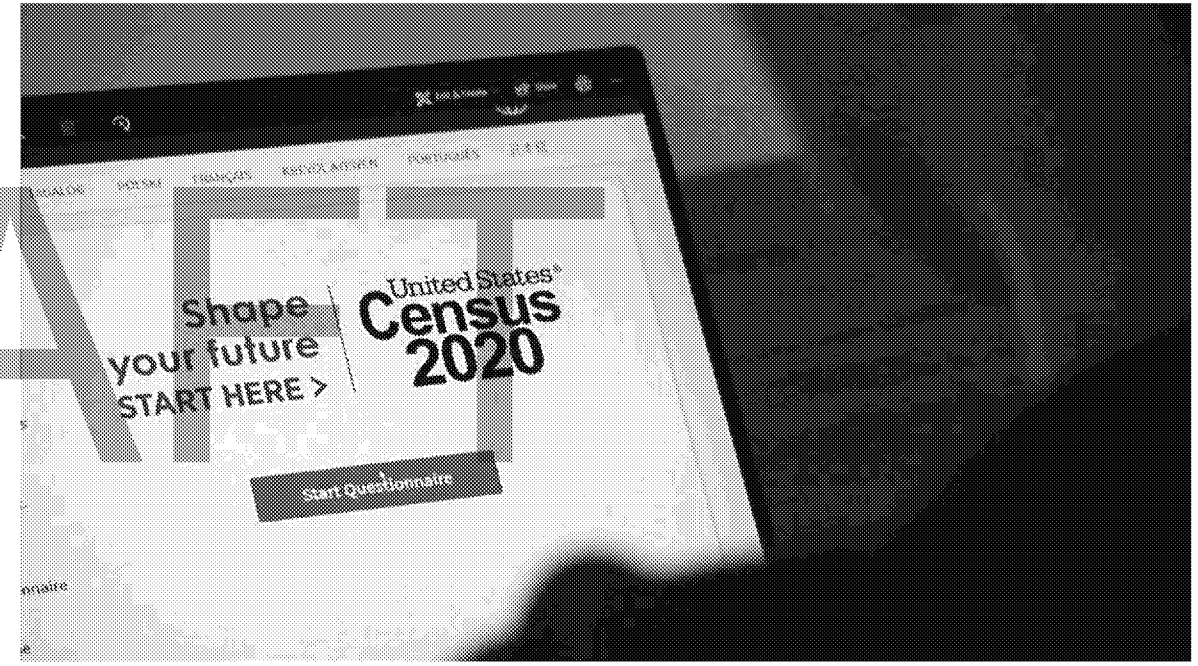
Total Responding Housing Units: 94.0M

Responses by mode:

75.2M (79.9%) – Internet

17.4M (18.6%) – Paper

1.4M (1.5%) – Phone



Update Leave – Status Update

Operation:

The Update Leave (UL) operation is designed to occur in areas where the majority of housing units either do not have mail delivered to the physical location of the housing unit, or the mail delivery information for the housing unit cannot be verified. A Census Bureau employee physically delivers a 2020 Census invitation to these housing units and updates the census address list. Nonresponding households will be visited by an enumerator during nonresponse followup.

Workload:

- Update Leave Original Workload (does not change): 6,805,523 housing units
- Workload Completed as of March 18 (date field operations were suspended): 736,320 housing units
 - Percentage Completed at suspension: 10.8%
- **The Update Leave workload was completed on August 10, 2020**

Response Rates:

- Total Responses (as of August 13): 2,347,481 (34.5%)
 - Internet: 1,223,025 (52.1%)
 - Paper: 1,078,240 (45.9%)
 - Phone: 46,216 (2.0%)



Group Quarters Enumeration – Status Update

Operation:

Group Quarters Enumeration is the U.S. Census Bureau's special process for counting people who live or stay in group quarters during the 2020 Census. Because group quarters are owned or managed by a third party, the Census Bureau assists group quarters administrators in responding to the census on behalf of residents to ensure a complete and accurate census count.



Group Quarters Enumeration Progress*

Initial Workload	GQs Added	Current Workload	Completed & Closed Cases	Current Workload	Percent Completed & Closed
195,656	15,605	211,261	170,169	41,092	80.6%

*As of August 13, 2020

2020 Census Service-Based Enumeration (SBE) Overview

Background

The SBE operation is conducted at service-based locations and targeted non-sheltered outdoor locations (TNSOLs) to enumerate people experiencing homelessness. These service locations include: emergency and transitional shelters (with sleeping facilities) for people experiencing homelessness, soup kitchens, and regularly scheduled mobile food vans.

Prior to operational adjustments made in lieu of COVID-19, SBE was scheduled to be conducted March 30 – April 1.

Consulted With Major Stakeholders

- In late May/early June we consulted with 67 national and local organizations to assist the Census Bureau in determining the best date to conduct SBE/TNSOL.
- Determining an optimal date to conduct SBE took into consideration the need to conduct a thorough and accurate enumeration, while also understanding the needs of our external partners, which are crucial during SBE.

Operational Decision

- Based on the feedback from our stakeholders, input from Census experts, and consultation with operational team leads, we have selected September 22 – 24 as the dates to conduct SBE and TNSOL.

Current Status

- Updating TNSOLs locations and making appointments with service providers in early September.
- Finalizing training plans for approximately 45,000 SBE field staff.

Nonresponse Followup Field Operations

Early Start of Nonresponse Followup Operations

6 Cycle 1a Area Census Offices (ACOs) began operations on July 16

6 Cycle 1b ACOs began operations on July 23

35 Cycle 2 ACOs were scheduled to begin operations on July 30; however, we started operations earlier in some ACOs where staff was available:

- 17 ACOs – Started July 26 – 29
- 18 ACOs – Started July 30

39 Cycle 3 ACOs were scheduled to begin operations by August 3:

- 15 ACOs – Started July 31
- 16 ACOs – Started August 1
- 8 ACOs – Started August 3

All remaining ACOs were scheduled to begin August 11, but all began operations by August 9:

- 107 ACOs – Started August 3 – 7
- 55 ACOs (all remaining) – August 9

As of August 9 Nonresponse Followup Operations have started in all 248 ACOs

Safety during Field Activities

On August 7, in a joint statement from the Census Bureau and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on Conducting 2020 Census Non-Response Follow-Up Interviews, the CDC stated that participation in 2020 Census interviews should present a low risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Census takers are trained to rigorously and universally follow these CDC recommendations to mitigate risk of transmission:

- Wearing of face masks.
- Maintaining social distance of 6 ft. or more.
- Practicing hand hygiene.
- Not entering homes, and conducting interviews outside as much as possible or practical.



Providing an Apportionment Count

Objective: The Census Bureau was tasked to develop a plan to provide an apportionment count by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2020.

- **Achieving** an acceptable level of accuracy and completeness, with a goal of resolving at least 99% of Housing Units in every state, comparable with previous censuses.
- **Maintaining** original contact strategy for occupied housing units. Field activities, including number of attempts to contact respondents, will not be changed.
- **Maximizing** staff and production hours for field data collection operations to conclude field data collection by September 30, 2020.
- **Streamlining** backend processing to deliver apportionment counts by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2020.

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Nonresponse Followup Field Operations – Current Status

Cycle 1A (6 ACOs) began operations on July 16:

- 55.3% Percent Complete
- 52.7% Percent Goal

Cycle 1B (6 ACOs) began operations on July 23:

- 43.5% Percent Complete
- 41.8% Percent Goal

Cycle 2 (35 ACOs) began operations July 26-30:

- 33.9% Percent Complete
- 28.7% Percent Goal

Cycle 3 (39 ACOs) began operations July 31 - August 3:

- 13.6% Percent Complete
- 4.7% Percent Goal

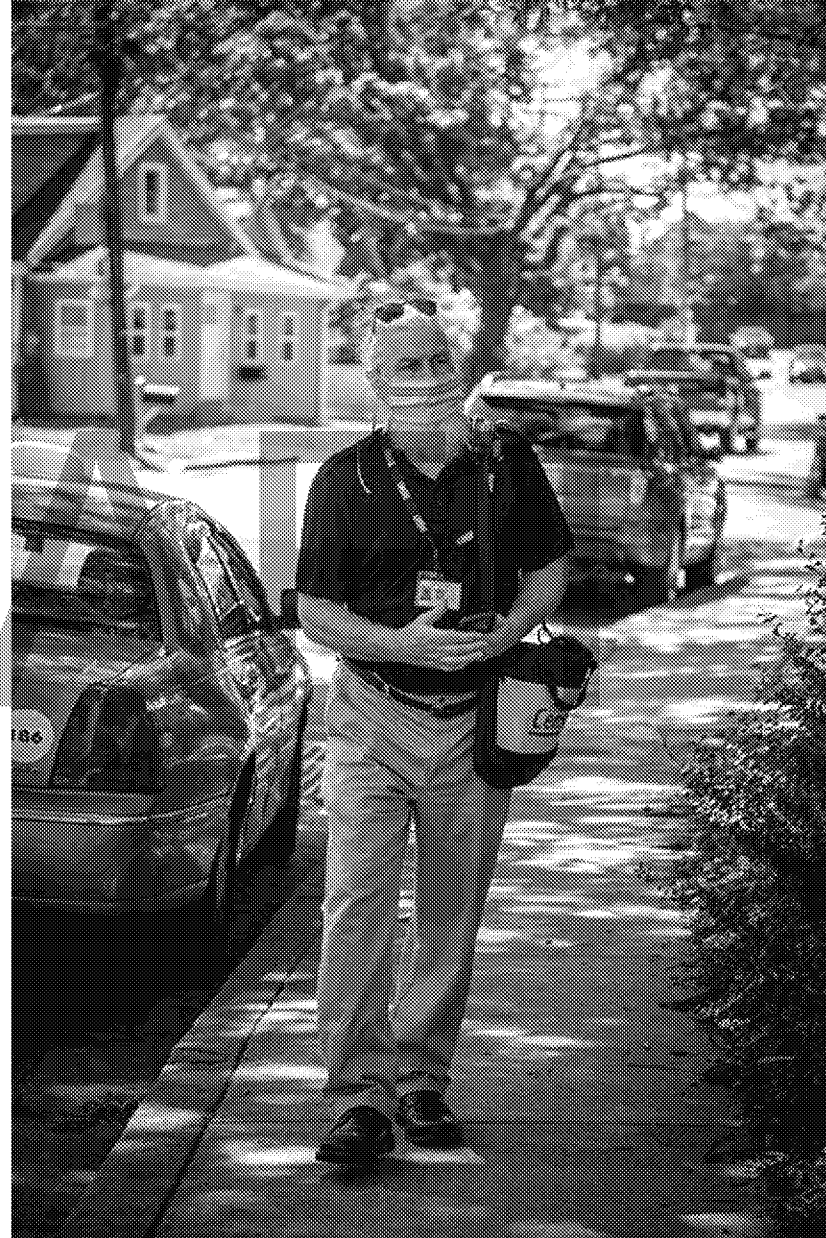
National Metrics (ALL 248 ACOs)

Began operations by August 9:

National Workload: 60,766,676 HUs

Completed Workload: 11,016,892 HUs

- 18.1% Percent Complete
- 10.4% Percent Goal



Maintaining Original Contact Strategy

We are maintaining the original contact strategy

for occupied housing units. Field activities,

including number of attempts to contact

respondents, will not be changed.

- In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents.



Increasing Work Hours from Current Enumerators

Nonresponse Followup Employee Award Pay

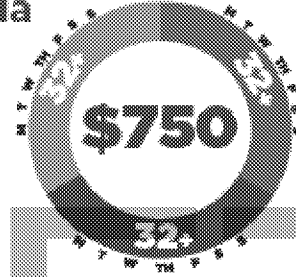


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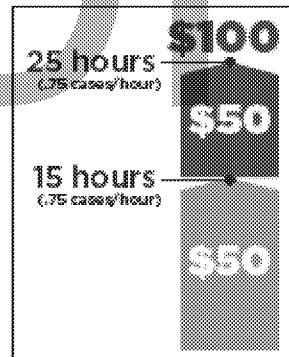
From August 9th through August 29th, Census Field Supervisors and Enumerators who maximize hours worked will have the opportunity to earn **award pay** in addition to their regular pay.

Census Field Supervisor Award Criteria

- Census Field Supervisors who exceed **32** hours or more per week, **between Aug 9–Aug 29**, will earn a **\$750** award.



Census Enumerator Award Criteria



- Enumerators who work between **15** hours and **24** hours per week, and complete **.75** cases/hour, will earn a **\$50** award.
- Enumerators who work **25** hours or more per week, and complete **.75** cases/hour, will earn a **\$100** award.
- Enumerators who work **25** hours or more per week and complete **.75** cases/hour, **between Aug 9–Aug 29**, will earn a **\$500** award.

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Keeping Staff Levels Up

Actions	Benefit
Inviting More People to Training	Over selection rates will address higher-than-expected no-show rates of 35%, bringing us closer to our target initial staffing levels.
Continual Replacement Training	Expect to conduct replacement training for at least 135K enumerators due to attrition. Projecting over 11,000 additional training sessions.

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Adapting to Dynamic On The Ground Conditions

Actions	Benefit
Implement outbound phone calling to supplement in-person contact attempts.	Provides an additional method to enumerate hard to reach communities.
Expand the use of NRFU Travel Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving teams that have successfully completed their areas to areas requiring additional attention.	Using experienced staff minimizes the need to train new staff – particularly in areas where new staff are not available.
Extending Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deploying trained staff to assist with self-response in low response areas• Will extend through September 30	Efficiently accelerates closeout process. MQA representatives are in open, public places in the lowest-responding areas of the nation to encourage people to respond to the 2020 Census. Provides a convenient way for the public to get information about the 2020 Census and self-respond in areas with low response.
Targeted Communications	Continue to promote self-response and cooperation with enumerators by focusing on specific, targeted areas.

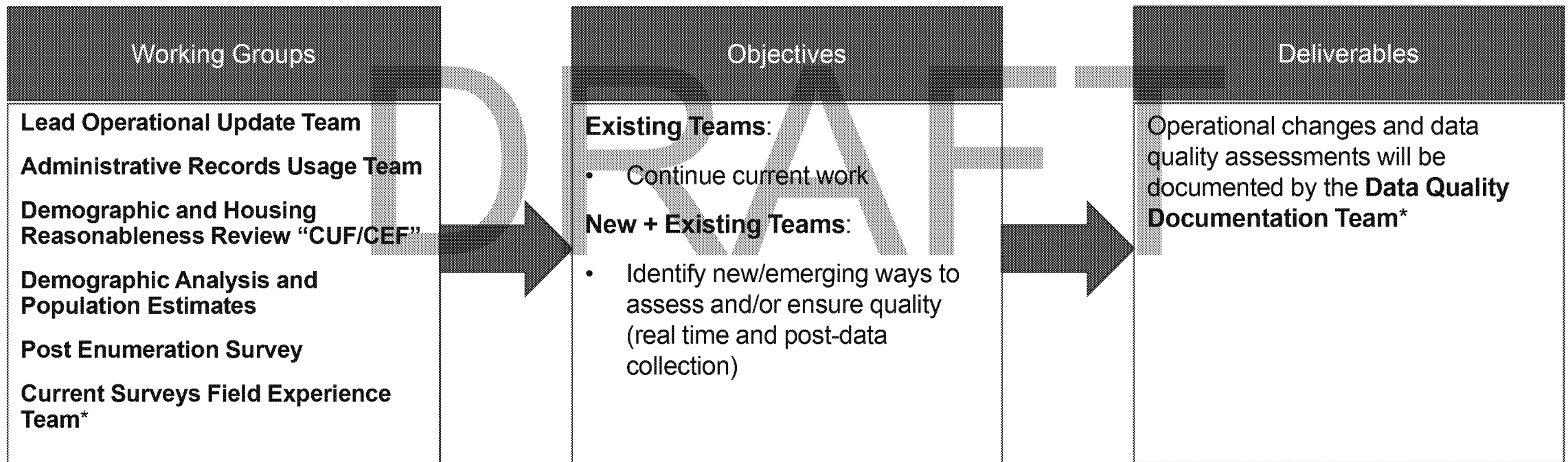
Ensuring Quality of Data Collected during Field Operations

- **Employing** expanded technical capacity to conduct analytical Re-Interview selection as the basis for the Re-Interview process.
- **Utilizing** new techniques for the 2020 Census to monitoring quality:
 - **Using** statistical techniques with professional statisticians and analysts to proactively identify, monitor, evaluate, and resolve quality issues.
 - **Analyzing** data and metrics to identify and investigate outliers and other unusual activity.
- **Increasing** efficiency of our strategy for verifying vacant or non-existing Housing Units.



Ensuring High Quality Data from the 2020 Census

Special teams with expertise from within the entire Census Bureau in the fields of census operations, statistical methodology, acquisition and utilization of administrative records, and in the social, economic, and housing subject areas to supplement the existing expert teams and provide extra focus on data quality.



*New team, not previously part of 2020 Census operations

Post Enumeration Data Processing

Professional career staffers at the Census Bureau are evaluating the processes and procedures and incorporating technological developments, such as the improvements in the quality of the Master Address File, to determine how to effectively and accurately deliver apportionment counts by the statutory deadline of December 31, 2020.

This staff will be closely monitoring the collection and processing of the data and assessing any potential impacts on accuracy, data quality, and coverage.

Further updates on our post enumeration data processing will be provided.

Implementation of the Presidential Memo

The Census Bureau has been tasked with developing a legally and methodologically valid process that meets tests of operational feasibility, to accomplish the goals and directives of the Presidential Memorandum to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law. To achieve this, the Census Bureau will:

- Build upon the decades of continuous experience we have working with administrative records.
- **We will continue full steam ahead with our mission of counting every person, counting them once, and counting them in the right place.**

Thank You

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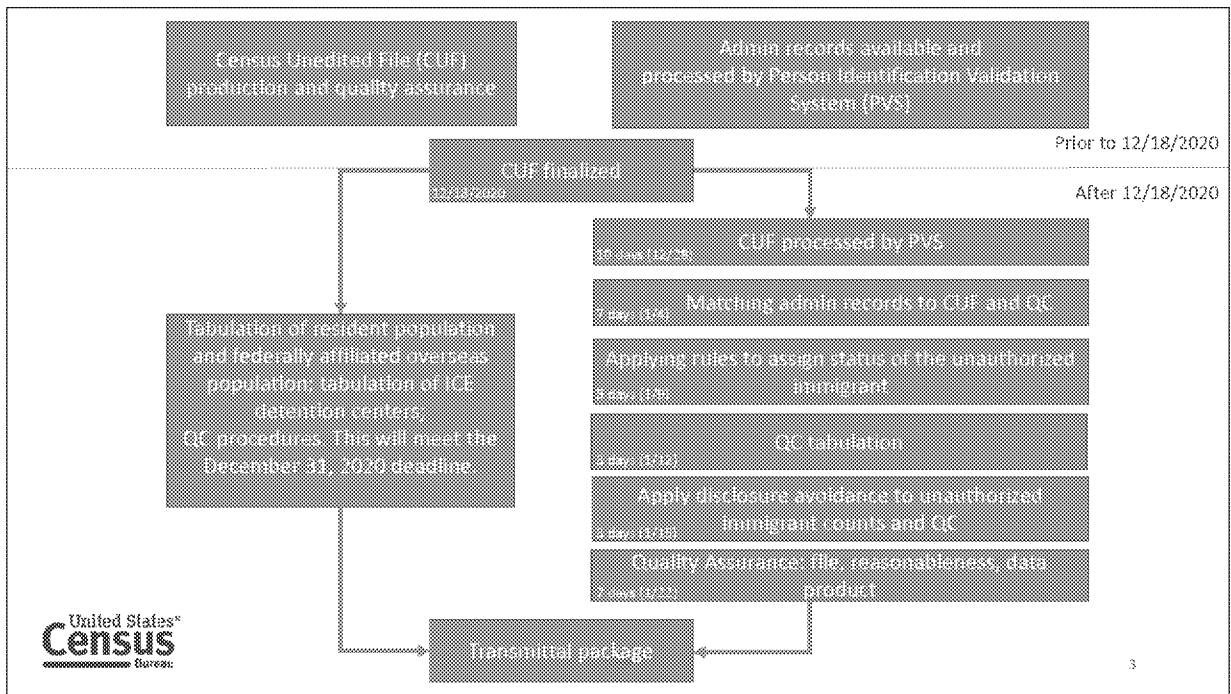


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Quality Assurance of the Unauthorized Immigrant Counts

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1. Verify file (e.g., does every state have an count?)
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3. Produce a table of the unauthorized immigrants for each state and DC and provide to the Secretary.



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Communication Strategy Decision

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Backup slides

Apportionment Calculations

After the CUF is reviewed, apportionment calculations are completed. To do this, the Demographic Directorate:

- Receives and verifies input data files from other divisions
- Sums people in each state
- U.S. Resident Population + Federally Affiliated Overseas Population = Apportionment Population
- Programmers calculate apportionment using Method of Equal Proportions

Apportionment Quality Assurance

For Apportionment, the following quality assurance steps are taken:

- 7 programmers from 3 different divisions, using independently-written code across a variety of software and computing platforms
- Multiple tests prior to production to ensure programmers' code functions correctly
- During production calculations, multiple iterative output files from each programmer are electronically verified to confirm they match
- Final tables electronically and clerically verified

2010 Apportionment Transmittal Package

For the 2010 Census, the following were included in the apportionment transmittal package.

- Memorandum from Census Bureau Director to Secretary of Commerce, with three tables attached:
 - Table 1: Apportionment Population and Number of Representatives by State
 - Table 2: Resident Population by State
 - Table 3: Federally Affiliated Overseas Population by State
- Letter from Secretary of Commerce to President, with one unnumbered table attached:
 - Apportionment Population and Number of Representatives by State (same content as Table 1 that was sent to Secretary of Commerce)



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2010 Apportionment Transmittal Memorandum to Secretary of Commerce



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau
Washington, DC 20543-0001
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary
Through: Rebecca M. Blank *Rebecca M. Blank*
Under Secretary for Economic Affairs
From: Robert M. Groves *Robert M. Groves*
Director
Subject: Census 2010 Apportionment Population Counts

Attached is a table showing the apportionment population for each of the 50 States on April 1, 2010, as ascertained by the Twenty-Third Decennial Census of the United States. According to the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 141(b), you are to report these data to the President of the United States on or before December 31, 2010.

Table 1 of the attached package shows the apportionment population for each State, as well as the number of Representatives to which each State is entitled, based on the apportionment population, and the change, if any, since the 2000 Census in the number of Representatives for each State. The U.S. Census Bureau prepared these calculations using the existing size of the U.S. House of Representatives (435 members) and the Method of Equal Proportions, as provided for in Title 2, United States Code, Sections 2a and 2b. The resident population and the overseas population for the 50 States are the two components of the apportionment population. The population of the District of Columbia is not included in the apportionment population.

Also, I am transmitting for your information two additional tables. Table 2 shows the Census 2010 resident population for the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Table 3 shows the overseas population for the 50 States and the District of Columbia. This overseas population is defined as U.S. military and judicial civilians employees overseas and their dependents living with them) allocated to their home state as reported from administrative records by the employing federal agencies.

Attachments



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2010 Apportionment Transmittal Table 1: Apportionment Population and Number of Representatives by State



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Table 1. APPORTIONMENT POPULATION AND NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY STATE, 2010 CENSUS

STATE	APPORTIONMENT POPULATION (MAY 1, 2010)	NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES BASED UPON 2010 CENSUS	CHANGE FROM CENSUS 2000 APPORTIONMENT
Alabama	4,802,922	7	0
Alaska	621,255	1	0
Arizona	6,412,750	9	+1
Arkansas	2,928,228	4	0
California	37,247,960	53	0
Colorado	5,044,505	7	0
Connecticut	3,589,028	5	0
Delaware	896,617	1	0
Florida	18,520,775	27	+2
Georgia	9,127,588	14	+1
Hawaii	1,299,692	2	0
Idaho	1,577,669	2	0
Illinois	12,684,832	16	+1
Indiana	6,530,262	9	0
Iowa	3,162,737	4	+1
Kansas	3,582,915	4	0
Kentucky	4,356,030	6	0
Louisiana	4,482,942	6	0
Maine	1,333,071	2	0
Maryland	5,786,223	8	+1
Massachusetts	6,759,664	9	+1
Michigan	9,914,826	14	+1
Minnesota	5,314,078	8	0
Mississippi	2,970,260	4	0
Missouri	6,071,628	8	+1
Montana	994,216	1	0
Nebraska	1,921,635	3	0
Nevada	2,709,432	4	+1
New Hampshire	1,343,446	2	0
New Jersey	8,920,521	12	+1
New Mexico	2,097,773	3	0
New York	19,442,655	27	+2
North Carolina	9,585,781	13	+1
North Dakota	670,665	1	0
Ohio	11,299,466	16	+2
Oklahoma	3,754,822	5	0
Oregon	3,443,030	5	0
Pennsylvania	12,174,508	16	+1
Rhode Island	1,056,997	2	0
South Carolina	4,045,975	7	+1
South Dakota	819,791	1	0
Tennessee	6,175,473	9	+1
Texas	25,206,418	36	+4
Utah	2,770,765	4	+1
Vermont	610,257	1	0
Virginia	8,027,732	11	0
Washington	6,752,968	10	+1
West Virginia	1,858,614	2	0
Wisconsin	5,658,230	8	0
Wyoming	562,559	1	0
TOTAL APPORTIONMENT POPULATION ¹	285,185,483	435	

¹ Includes the resident population for the 50 states, as apportioned by the Twenty-Third Decennial Census under Title 12, United States Code, and statute of Congress U.S. money and federal direct employees (and their dependents living with them) allocated to the home state, as reported by the apportioning federal agencies. The apportionment population excludes the population of the District of Columbia.