

# Census Bureau Statement on Redistricting Data Timeline

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**FEB. 12, 2021** — The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that it will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by Sept. 30, 2021. COVID-19-related delays and prioritizing the delivery of the apportionment results delayed the Census Bureau's original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states by March 31, 2021.

Different from previous censuses, the Census Bureau will deliver the data for all states at once, instead of on a flow basis. This change has been made because of COVID-19-related shifts in data collection and in the data processing schedule and it enables the Census Bureau to deliver complete and accurate redistricting data in a more timely fashion overall for the states.

The redistricting data includes counts of population by race, ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino origin), voting age, housing occupancy status, and group quarters population, all at the census block level. This is the information that states need to redraw or "redistrict" their legislative boundaries.

In preparation for the delivery of redistricting data products, the Census Bureau has been in close coordination with each states' official nonpartisan liaisons to understand the impacts of the delayed delivery on individual states. Since 2019, states have had access to prototype geographic support products and data tabulations from the 2018 Census Test to help them begin to design their redistricting systems. This is one tool states can use to help minimize the impact of schedule delays. In addition, the Census Bureau today completed the release of all states' 2020 Census geographic products needed for redistricting. This will enable states to redistrict promptly upon receipt of their 2020 Census tabulation data.

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## Related blogs

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Random Samplings Blog | February 12, 2021 | Written By James Whitehorne, Chief Of The Redistricting And Voting Rights Data Office

### **Timeline for Releasing Redistricting Data**

We expect to deliver the redistricting data to the states and the public by Sept. 30, 2021.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/timeline-redistricting-data.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | February 11, 2021 | Written By: Michael Thieme, Assistant Director For Decennial Census Programs, Systems And Contracts

### **Census Data Processing 101**

Michael Thieme describes how census data processing works to ensure the census is accurate.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/census-data-processing-101.html\]](#)

Directors Blog | February 02, 2021 | By Dr. Ron Jarmin, Acting Director

### **2020 Census Processing Updates**

I'm writing to provide an update on data processing for the 2020 Census.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/director/2021/02/2020-census-processing-updates.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | November 05, 2020 | By Dr. Ron Jarmin, Deputy Director And Chief Operating Officer

### **Update on 2020 Census Data Processing and Quality**

The Census Bureau has begun processing the data collected for the 2020 Census. Data collection for the decennial census is always a herculean task and 2020 was no exception.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2020/11/update-2020-census-data-processing-and-quality.html\]](#)

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## Related Information

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-  Press kit [\[/newsroom/press-kits/2021/2020-census-redistricting.html\]](/newsroom/press-kits/2021/2020-census-redistricting.html)
-  Blog: Timeline for Releasing Redistricting Data [\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/timeline-redistricting-data.html\]](/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/timeline-redistricting-data.html)
-  News: 2020 Census Geographic Products Available (2/12/21) [\[/newsroom/press-releases/2021/2020-census-geographic-products-feb12.html\]](/newsroom/press-releases/2021/2020-census-geographic-products-feb12.html)