

# The Census: What's Happened, What's Next

## 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program

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# Section 203 Language Determinations

- Required by the Voting Rights Act
- Determines counties or townships where language assistance is needed for voting

Language determinations for each state, county or county subdivision (whichever is the operating level of government), and American Indian/Alaska Native Areas (AIA/ANA) are computed based on the following criteria:

If more than 5% of voting age citizens are limited-English proficient,

**OR**

If more than 10,000 voting age citizens are limited-English proficient,

**AND**

The rate of total voting age citizens that are limited-English proficient and have less than a 5<sup>th</sup> grade education is higher than the national rate,

**THEN:**

The state, county, or county subdivision under consideration is covered for that specific minority group of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act.

**Note:** If it is determined that an AIA/ANA area meets the criteria then any political subdivision that contains that AIA/ANA area is covered.

# Section 203 Language Determinations

- Language groups covered by Section 203
  - Alaska Native, American Indian, Asian & Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- New language determinations are published in the Federal Register every 5 years
  - Next is planned for publication in December 2021
- December 2021 determinations will be created from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates
- Support Products (planned)
  - Tabular summaries
  - Public Use File
    - Underlying calculations for key characteristics
    - Flags to easily identify and filter on key characteristics that met or did not meet thresholds
    - Allows identification of which AIAN areas caused which jurisdictions to be determined

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State and political subdivision	Language minority group
New Mexico:	
Bernalillo County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
Bernalillo County .....	Hispanic.
Chaves County .....	Hispanic.
Cibola County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
Doña Ana County .....	Hispanic.
Guadalupe County .....	Hispanic.
Hidalgo County .....	Hispanic.
Lea County .....	Hispanic.
Lincoln County .....	American Indian (Apache).
Luna County .....	Hispanic.
McKinley County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
Mora County .....	Hispanic.
Otero County .....	American Indian (Apache).
Rio Arriba County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
San Juan County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
San Juan County .....	American Indian (Ute).
San Miguel County .....	Hispanic.
Sandoval County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
Sandoval County .....	American Indian (Pueblo).
Santa Fe County .....	American Indian (Pueblo).
Socorro County .....	American Indian (Navajo).
Socorro County .....	Hispanic.
Union County .....	Hispanic.
Yuniversity of New Mexico .....	Hispanic.

# Citizen Voting Age Population by Race and Ethnicity

- Typically referred to as CVAP
- Initially created from the Census 2000 long form data and published in 2002.
- After the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau started publishing annual CVAP estimates at the request of the Department of Justice.
- Tabulated using the American Community Survey 5-year estimates
- The CVAP file contains data aggregations (summarized racial and ethnic categories) based on OMB guidance on their aggregation for civil rights enforcement.
- Added Congressional and State Legislative Districts geography for the 2018 and future releases.
- Typically released in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February each year (2015-2019 CVAP estimates were released on 2/1/21).

# Citizen Voting Age Population by Race and Ethnicity

Content
Total:
Hispanic or Latino
Not Hispanic or Latino:
White alone
Black or African American alone
American Indian and Alaska Native alone
Asian alone
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone
Black or African American and White
American Indian and Alaska Native and White
Asian and White
American Indian and Alaska Native and Black or African American
Remainder of Two or More Race Responses

Geography
Nation
State
Congressional District
State Legislative District, Upper Chamber
State Legislative District, Lower Chamber
County
Place
Minor Civil Division (for CT, MA, ME, MI, MN, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, and WI)
Tract
Block Group

CVAP URL: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2019.html>

# Phase 4: Collection of newly redistricted plans

- Collected through the official redistricting data program liaisons assigned by the legislative leadership in each state
- Congressional, State Legislative Upper Chamber\*, State Legislative Lower Chamber+
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico
- Used to produce new geographic files
- Used to produce re-tabulations of 2020 Census data
- Used by other census surveys and products

\*Includes DC City Council and Puerto Rico Legislature

+ NE is a unicameral legislature; DC has a city council; both are represented as upper chambers only

SCHEDULE	
Activity	Dates
State Official Liaisons Receive Phase 4 invitation	January 2022
States Submit CD/SLD Plans to Census Bureau	January 2022 – July 25, 2022
Submit CD/SLD Verification Updates to Census Bureau	June 28 – Sept 21, 2022
Release CD/SLD products to the Census Website	Nov 2022 – March 2023

# Phase 5: The View From the States

## Planning for the 2000 Census Redistricting Data Program/Evaluation of the 1990 Census Redistricting Data Program

- Continue to provide 100% counts for total persons by race, Hispanic origin, and voting age for blocks and voting districts
- Ensure that there are one set of numbers for the states – “a one number census”
- Computer tape, paper printouts, and CD-ROM data deliveries
- Use NSCL to maintain close working relationship between Census and data users
- Retaining Block Boundary Suggestion and Voting District Projects
- Training for state officials participating in the program

# Phase 5: The View From the States

## Planning for the 2010 Census Redistricting Data Program/Evaluation of the 2000 Census Redistricting Data Program

- Continue to provide 100% counts for total persons by race, Hispanic origin, and voting age for blocks and for voting and legislative districts
- Ensure that there are one set of numbers for the states - “a one number census”
- Retain geographic products and include state legislative and school district level data
- Retain Block Boundary Suggestion Project and Voting District Project
- Discussion on enumeration of Americans’ residing overseas
- Work with states 5-years out on communication plans



# Phase 5: The View From the States

## Planning for the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program/Evaluation of the 2010 Census Redistricting Data Program

- Inform states on any changes to the race and ethnicity tabulation categories or residency rules and share data on impact of a race and ethnicity single questions
- Supply a prototype summary file to share with states that meet their needs
- Geographic products should include shapefiles, formatted maps, and block equivalency and block relationship files
- Coordinate Boundary and Annexation Survey timing with redistricting updates
- Separate the Block Boundary Suggestion Project and Voting District Project
- Research the feasibility of reallocating prison populations

# Phase 5: The View From the States

## Planning for the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program/Evaluation of the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program

- Just getting started
  - Listening Session tomorrow, Friday November 5 – Room 22-23 on Level 1 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM
  - New “The View From the States” expected publication late 2024/early 2025
- Types of issues to explore
  - What geography is needed for redistricting?
  - Is the same level of detail needed for redistricting (e.g. all 63 iterations of race)?
  - What if OMB changes to a single question on race and ethnicity, what is needed in the redistricting data?
  - What if OMB adds a new race or ethnicity, what is needed in the redistricting data?
  - What else has changed in redistricting?
    - Is there something new that is needed from Census?
    - Is there something that has outlived its usefulness?

# Thank You

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