

Wednesday December 11

It's Go Time for the Census: Counting Down to 2020

3:30-4:45pm



Michael Stewart, Nevada

Michael Stewart is the Director of the Research Division of Nevada's Legislative Counsel Bureau. He began his legislative service career in 1996 following 2.5 years with the Elections Division of the Nevada Secretary of State's Office, where he worked closely with local election officers in the administration of Nevada's election laws. During his time with the Research Division, Stewart has been the primary staff contact for numerous legislative committees covering dozens of topic areas, including government affairs, natural resources, reapportionment and redistricting, elections, ethics in government, legislative affairs and transportation. He holds a Master of Science degree in Geography, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography—all from the University of Nevada, Reno. He is also a graduate of the Legislative Staff Management Institute, sponsored by NCSL and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He is currently a member of NCSL's Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee.



Debbie Johnson, Arizona Department of Tourism

Debbie Johnson has spent over two decades working in Arizona's tourism industry. She was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey as Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism in August 2015 to oversee the state's tourism marketing strategy. Prior to that, she served as President & CEO of the Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association and Valley Hotel & Resort Association. She serves on numerous local, state and national boards and committees dedicated to the industry, including the US Travel & Tourism Advisory Board to which she was appointed in 2018 by US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. Johnson was also recently appointed to serve as chair of Arizona's Complete Count Committee to ensure that every resident in Arizona is counted in the 2020 Census. She was born and raised in Wyoming, but she is a 30-year Arizona resident and an Arizona State Sun Devil; she received her degree in Marketing from ASU.



Kathleen Styles, U.S. Census Bureau

Kathleen Styles serves as chief of Decennial Communications and Stakeholder Relations for the U.S. Census Bureau. She is responsible for communications related to the 2020 Census, oversight, redistricting and decennial budget, and she has extensive experience in law, public policy and statistical operations. In 2001, she began work as a project manager at the Census Bureau. Prior to the 2010 Census, she was responsible for managing programs relating to communications, content, forms design, post processing, Puerto Rico and the Island areas, and translation. Because of her legal background, in 2009 Styles was asked to serve as the Chief of the Policy Coordination Office. In 2011 she accepted an SES position as the first-ever Chief Privacy Officer at the U.S. Department of Education where she managed enforcement and technical assistance for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as well as FOIA, Records Management, Disclosure Review and Data Policy, and Information Collection Clearance. She rejoined the Census Bureau in 2019. Styles earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from the William & Mary Law School.