

# 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program



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# Census Redistricting Data Program History

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1975 – Passage of P.L. 94-171

1980 – Blocks created for all incorporated places of 10,000 or more population

5 States (GA, MI, NY, RI, VA) contracted for statewide block coverage resulting in 78% of population and 7% of land area

1990 – Nationwide Block Coverage

Block Boundary Suggestion Project

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2000 – Paper submissions and equivalency files for digitizing into Census’s “TIGER” geographic database

New race categorizations based on OMB Directive 15

2010 – Enhanced precision of Census TIGER geography  
Digital submission using required Census supplied software

2020 – Digital with no software restrictions but with a supplied software option

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## Phase 1 – The Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP)

- Schedule
  - Initial Delineation, December 2015 through May 2016
  - Verification, December 2016 through May 2017
- Activities
  - States can influence the 2020 tabulation blocks
    - Must Hold/ Do Not Hold
    - Missing Features
    - Misaligned Features
  - Update Area Landmark (state parks, prisons, etc.) boundaries
  - Block size review / Prototype Blocks - **NEW for 2020**
  - Suggest updates to legal boundaries – **NEW for 2020**

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## Phase 2 – The Voting District Project (VTDP)

- Schedule
  - Initial Delineation, December 2017 through May 2018
  - Verification, December 2018 through May 2019
- Activities
  - States provide their Election Districts/Precincts/Wards
  - States can influence the 2020 tabulation blocks
    - Missing Features
    - Misaligned Features
  - Update Area Landmark (state parks, prisons, etc.) boundaries
  - Suggest updates to legal boundaries – **NEW for 2020**

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## Phase 3 – Data Delivery

- Schedule
  - Geographic support products – November 2020 to February 2021
  - P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data – February 2021 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- Content
  - P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data File
    - Race and Race for the Population 18 Years and Over
    - Hispanic or Latino, and not Hispanic or Latino by Race and Hispanic or Latino, and not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 18 Years and Over
    - Occupancy Status (Housing)
    - Group Quarters – **NEW for 2020**
  - Geographic Support Products
    - Shapefiles
    - Maps (PDF only)
    - Block Assignment Files
    - Block to Block Relationship Files – **NEW (timing) for 2020**

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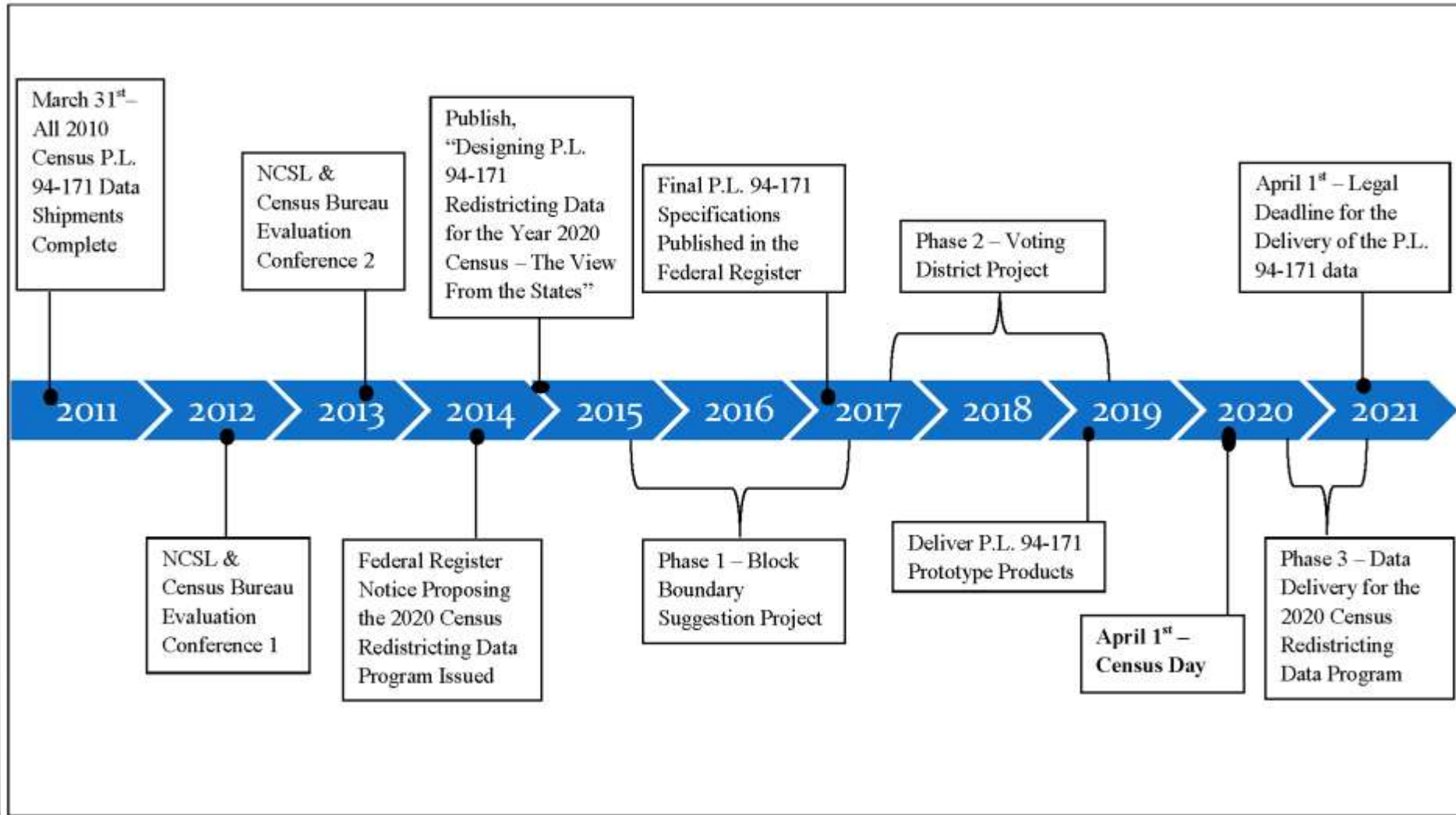
## Phase 4 – Collection of the New Plans

- Collect 118<sup>th</sup> Congressional and new State Legislative District Plans – November 2021 to May 2022
  - Continuous collection of Congressional plans on a 2-year cycle
  - Continuous collection of State Legislative District Plans on a 2-year cycle
  - Two versions collected - official and tabulation

## Phase 5 – The View From the States

- Generate, from the States' point of view, a report detailing:
  - Successes of the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program
  - Areas for improvement from the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program
  - Recommendations for the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program
  - Publication date in 2025

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- The Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office (CRVRDO) is the point of contact for the state designated non-partisan liaison regarding the Redistricting Data Program
- Liaisons have the option to parcel work out to others and then review
- Liaisons must certify all work being submitted to Census for processing
- The CRVRDO will facilitate legal boundary updates with the Boundary and Annexation Survey team and the area's highest elected official
- The CRVRDO will continue outreach and education on Census related issues of interest to the redistricting community

# Voting Rights Data

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## Citizen Voting Age Population by Race and Ethnicity

- Annual Tabulation
- Calculated using the American Community Survey 5-year estimates
- Researching the addition of other geographies
- Researching availability of 2020 geography in the 2021 release.
- Released in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February each year

## Section 203 Language Determinations

- New determinations conducted every 5 years
- Identifies counties or townships where language assistance is needed for voting
- Calculated using the American Community Survey 5-year estimates
- Expected publication in the Federal Register – December 2016

# Questions



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