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- Update on Section 203 Determinations
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Voting Rights Determination File

Section 203 Determinations - Census 2000

- [Review the Federal Register Notice Vol. 67, No. 144](#) [PDF]
- [Download the data via FTP](#)

Section 203 Determinations - Census 2010

- Federal Register Notice Vol. 76, No. 198 [Docket Number 110921596-1557-01] [Section 203 Determinations](#) [PDF] published October 13th, 2011.
- U.S. Census Bureau Press Release on Section 203 Determinations [Press Release](#)
- Section 203 background information [Slides](#) [PDF] and [Audio](#) [mp3]
- How the Law Prescribes the Determination of Covered Areas under the Language Minority Provisions of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. [Flowchart](#) [PDF]
- Summary and comparison tables of the new Section 203 determinations. [Tables](#) [XLS]
- Department of Justice Federal Register notice on [Guidelines on Implementation of the Provisions of the Voting Rights Act Regarding Language Minority Groups](#) [PDF] [☞](#)

What's been released so far

- Federal Register Notice went final 10/13/2011
- Comparison to 2002 available
 - Jurisdictions
 - Language minority groups
- Who's new on the list available

Federal Register Notice

SUMMARY: As required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, this notice publishes the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) Director's determinations as to which political subdivisions are subject to the minority language assistance provisions of the Act. As of this date, those jurisdictions that are listed as covered by Section 203 have a legal obligation to provide the minority language assistance prescribed by the Act.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This notice is effective on October 13, 2011.

Total Population

Total Population for Minority Groups:

- Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- AIAN (American Indian/Alaskan Native)
- AIAN tribal group (examples include Cherokee, Iroquois, Sioux)
- Asian
- Asian group (examples include Chinese, Filipino, Japanese)

Minority group data comes from Questions #5 and #6 on the ACS Questionnaire.

For each Minority Group:

Total Voting Age Population

Total Voting Age Citizens

Data on voting age comes from Question # 2 on the ACS Questionnaire. Data on citizenship comes from Question #8.

For each Minority Group:

Total Voting Age Citizens who are Limited-English Proficient

Data on voting age comes from Question #2 on ACS Questionnaire. Data on citizenship comes from Question #8. Data on limited-English proficiency comes from Question #13c.

For each Minority Group:

Total Voting Age Citizens who have Less Than a 5th Grade Education

Total Voting Age Citizens who are Limited-English Proficient and have Less Than a 5th Grade Education

Data on voting age comes from Question # 2 on the ACS Questionnaire. Data on citizenship comes from Question #8. Data on limited-English proficiency comes from Question #13c. Data on educational attainment comes from Question #11.

Determinations are then computed for each language minority group based on the following:

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 who are limited-English proficient and have less than a 5th grade education is higher than the national rate of 1.16

THEN:

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

There is a special computation for American Indian or Alaska Native areas or other tribal lands:

If more than 5% of the American Indian or Alaska Native voting age citizens belonging to an American Indian/Alaska Native tribe are limited-English proficient

AND

The rate of those voting age citizens who are limited-English proficient and have less than a 5th grade education is higher than the national rate of 1.16

THEN:

Any political subdivision(s) in which that AIA/ANA is located is covered under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act.

Statistical Modeling

- Decision to use model-based estimates resulted from a comparison of variances
- Pre-defined criteria required a greater than 20 percent improvement in variances (mean reduction)
- Modeling reached a 61 mean percent reduction

Review of 2010 Program

- Geography
- Data
- Content
- Data Delivery
- Data Access
- Geographic products
- Program phases
- Chicago!!!

Congressional and Legislative District Plans

- Let me turn it over to James Whitehorne to discuss our efforts on collecting the boundaries of the 113th Congress and your post-2010 census legislative districts.

Redistricting Data Program Phase 4

- Timeline – acquiring plans
 - Invitations – Oct. 2011
 - Receipt of plans – Oct. 2011 to Sept. 2012
 - Insert Plans – Jan. 2012 to Nov. 2012
 - Verify Plans – May 2012 to Jan. 2013
 - State Certification – May 2012 to Jan. 2013

Redistricting Data Program Phase 4

- Invitations Letter
 - sent October 26th, 2011
 - Secretaries of State
 - Non-partisan liaisons
 - All 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia
 - 4 state's plans received as of 11/23/2011

Redistricting Data Program Phase 4

- “Block Split” Letter
 - Request for information on census block splits in legislative or congressional plans
 - With 16 states reporting as of 11/22/2011
 - 13 have no splits
 - 2 have splits
 - 1 unknown

Redistricting Data Program Phase 4

- Timeline – products
 - Cartographic Boundary Files – Feb. 2013
 - TIGER/Line Shapefiles – March 2013
 - 2010 Census data retabulation – March 2013
 - Congressional National Wall Map – May 2013

Redistricting Data Program Phase 4

- Timeline – products (cont.)
 - Congressional Individual Maps – Nov. 2013
 - State Legislative Individual Maps – April 2014
 - Web page with relationship files – July 2013
 - Congressional District Atlas – Aug. 2014

American Community Survey

- Plans must be certified in January 2013 to make the 2014 ACS data releases.
- Congressional Districts
 - 1 year, 3 year, and 5 year estimates
- State Legislative Districts
 - 5 year estimates only
 - Not all SLDs meet the 1 year 65,000 or 3 year 20,000 thresholds.

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