Census A to Z

National Conference of State Legislatures
National Redistricting Seminar
Austin, Texas
March 26, 2010
The 2010 Census

- Required by the U.S. Constitution
  - Article 1, Section 2
  - Decennial Census every 10 years
- On April 1, 2010, the decennial census will count all residents living in the U.S.
- Largest peacetime activity undertaken by the federal government
2010 Census Data

- Determines apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives
- Used for congressional and legislative redistricting
- Affects the allocation of more than $400 BILLION in federal funding per year to local, state and tribal governments

Block level data
Where are we now?

- Census Day is April 1, 2010
- Count everyone in less than 6 months
- Deliver apportionment count to the President by December 31, 2010
- Deliver Redistricting Data to the States by April 1, 2011

Confidentiality
A Major Challenge

MUST COUNT EVERYONE...

- Estimated 309 million people
- Estimated 134 million households

...IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

- 50 states & District of Columbia
- Puerto Rico
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Guam
- American Samoa
- US Virgin Islands

Democracy
The Infrastructure – How We Get It Done

• Headquarters
• 12 Regional Census Centers
• 494 Local Census Offices
  – 7 offices in Puerto Rico
• Recruit 3.8 million applicants to hire 1.4 million temporary employees for all 2010 operations

Everyone is counted
The 2010 Census Questionnaire

- Short Form Only
- 10 minutes to complete ten questions
- Questions include:
  - Name
  - Gender
  - Age
  - Hispanic/Latino/Spanish Origin
  - Race
  - Relationship
  - Rent/Own

Features visible & non
Redistricting Data Program
How did we get where we are?

2004—2010 Redistricting Data Program announced in a Federal Register Notice

2005—Census letter to leadership requesting a non-partisan liaison to work with the Census Bureau—Redistricting Data Office visited each state capitol to lay out the 2010 census planning.

2006—Collection of legislative district plans

Global Positioning Sys.
Redistricting Data Program
How did we get where we are?

2007—Beginning of the Phase 2 Voting District—Block Boundary Suggestion Program

2008—Dress Rehearsal—Preparations for Redistricting Data Prototype and Geographic Product Prototypes

2009—Delivery of Prototype—Collection of Voting Districts/BBSP

2010—Verification of VTD/BBSP, Preparation for data delivery

Housing unit table
How will the Census Bureau deliver the data to the States?

• Summer 2010—RDO will send letters to current legislative leadership, governors, and other official recipients to ensure proper mailing addresses, whether folks want paper maps or pdfs.
• RDO will watch 2010 elections for changes in both.
• RDO will update database for mailings and move to secure site for staging.
What Can You Do to Help?

• Advise the RDO of any corrections or updates to the mailing list

• Advise the RDO where commissions or committees are in place which need to be included in the mailout.

• If Legislature is out of session, assist with home district addresses if that is the preference.

Japanese—materials (28)
Which data will be delivered first?

- TIGER/Line Geographic Shape Files—November thru January 2011
- Shape Files will include the final 2010 Census tabulation geography including: Census tracts, block groups, current political areas such as incorporated places, and legislative, congressional and voting districts, and of course, census tabulation blocks.

Korean – one of 5 translated questionnaires.
What types of maps will we receive?

DVDs with the map suite products will be delivered beginning in February 2011. We will provide these to all official recipients identified in the summer of 2011.

Paper copies will be delivered upon request only later in the calendar year. Map Suite includes:

- County Block maps with SLDs, VTDs and census blocks
- Census Tract Reference Map
- Voting District Reference Map
- School District Reference Map

Local Census Offices 494 including 150 ELCOs

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What about the data?

- Public Law 94-171
  - Mandates the provision of small area data required for legislative redistricting no later than 1 year following Census Day
  - Requires the Census Bureau to work with the states to identify those small areas
  - Examples: voting districts, census blocks
Data Delivery February – March 2011

• Based upon your input--
• And I still need your input!!
• The Bureau will make every effort to deliver earliest to those states with strict deadlines as we have done since the passage of P.L. 94-171.
• Every effort is being made for an early February commencement of data delivery
Data Delivery Mechanics

• RDO will notify state liaison one day before data are shipped
• Day 1—Data delivered to RDO and shipped out to all recipients in each state—Shipments will occur Monday through Thursday.
• Day 2—Data should arrive in state and RDO will confirm by-partisan receipt from 8am-8pm.
• Day 3—Data will be posted to the Census Bureau’s American FactFinder (AFF) and to an FTP site for public access

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Outreach
What will be included in the redistricting data?

- Data includes:
  - Race for the Total Population and Population 18 and Over
  - Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Total Population and Population 18 and Over
  - Total Housing Units (occupied and vacant)

P.L. 94-171 & Partnership
Advance Release of Group Quarters Data from Summary File 1

- The Census Bureau recently announced that they will release an advance version of the P-41 table which includes:

- Total:
  - Institutionalized Population
  - Correctional facilities for adults
  - Juvenile facilities
  - Nursing/Skilled nursing facilities
  - Other institutional facilities

*Quality data*
Advance Release of Group Quarters Data from Summary File 1

- Noninstitutionalized population:
  - College/University student housing
  - Military Quarters
  - Other noninstitutional
Group Quarters Summary Levels

- Change from initial announcement
- 750-State-County-Voting District/Remainder-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder-Census Tract-Block Group-Block
- 755-State-County-Voting District/Remainder-County Subdivision-Subminor Civil Division-Census Tract-Block Group-Block (for Puerto Rico only)
- Release via FTP only
- May 2011

Safe, Simple, Secure
Advance Release of Group Quarters Data from Summary File 1

- Release will be a population count only, no characteristics.
- Using summary levels 750 and 755 help to streamline the timing.
- Use of AFF only helps to streamline the timing.

Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding Referencing System---TIGER!!
Advance Release of Group Quarters Data from Summary File 1

- Officials may review the location and population of all group quarters while drawing their plans.
- Local officials reviewing the accuracy of their census data may use this early release to prepare any challenges based on the location of group quarters data. As a result of housing units on the P.L. 94-171 file, and the release of group quarters data in May 2011, the Census Bureau will commence the Count Question Resolution program in June 2011.
## ACS Data Release Schedule

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Data products are released in the year following the single year or multiyear period in which data are collected.

**Voting District—VTD**
For More Information
On the ACS

Subscribe to “ACS Alert”

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Special/Alerts.htm

Visit the ACS website:

www.census.gov/acs/www
Dates to Remember

April 1, 2010  CENSUS DAY
April 1-3 Blanket Replacement Questionnaire delivered
April 5-8 Targeted Replacement Questionnaire delivered
December 31, 2010—Apportionment numbers
April 1, 2011—Redistricting Counts
May 2011—Group Quarters Tabulations via FTP

X-cited about the census!
For More Information on the Redistricting Data Program

www.census.gov/rdo

Release of the 2008 Redistricting Data Prototype

On March 30, 2008, the Census Bureau’s Redistricting Data Office released the 2008 Redistricting Data Prototype (Public Law (P.L.) 94-171). Released two years in advance of the 2010 Census, Redistricting Data, the prototype was designed to provide states, the Department of Justice, vendors, and other stakeholders the opportunity to build their redistricting systems in preparation for the redistricting of congressional and state legislative district boundaries in 2011.

The prototype contains two discs:

1. The 2008 Redistricting Data Prototype (P.L. 94-171) Summary Files illustrate the proposed format and content of the redistricting data, including four population tables and one housing unit table down to the census block level.

2. The 2008 Redistricting Data Prototype (P.L. 94-171) Geographic Products illustrate the proposed format and content of the geographic data, including congressional districts, state legislative districts, voting districts, census tracts and census block groups. The following maps in PDF format are available as well: County Block Reference Maps, Voting District Maps, State Legislative Reference Maps, Census Tract Reference Maps, and School District Reference Maps.
Questions?

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Zip Code Tabulation Areas!
Yeah—we made it—A-Z!