

The Decennial Census

Purpose:

To conduct a census of population and housing and disseminate the results to the President, the States, and the American People

Primary Uses of Decennial Census Data:

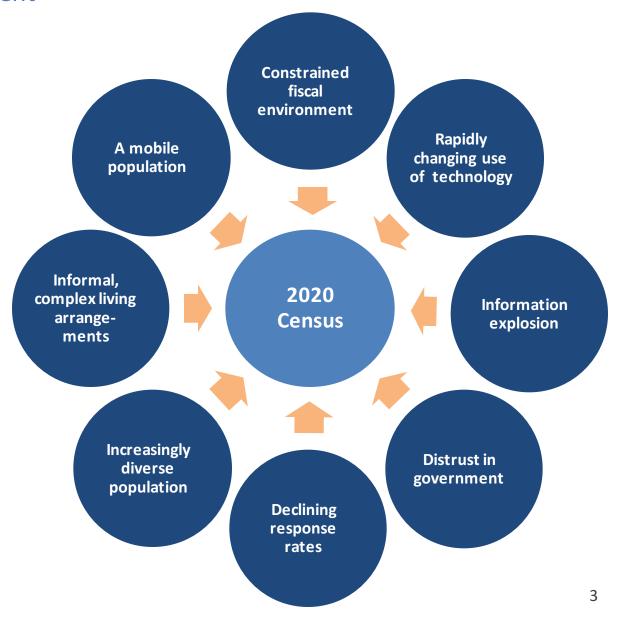
 Apportion representation among states as mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution:

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this union, according to their respective Numbers ... The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct.

- Draw congressional and state legislative districts, school districts and voting precincts
- Enforce voting rights and civil rights legislation
- Distribute federal dollars to states
- Inform federal, tribal, state, and local government planning decisions
- Inform business and nonprofit organization decisions (e.g., where to locate, size of the market)
- Provide population benchmark for nearly every other United States survey

The 2020 Census Environment

The 2020 Census is being conducted in a rapidly changing environment, requiring a flexible design that takes advantages of new technologies and data sources while minimizing risk to ensure a high quality population count.



Goals and Key Innovation Areas

Overarching Goal: To count everyone once, only once, and in the right place

<u>Challenge Goal:</u> Conduct a 2020 Census at a lower cost per housing unit (adjusted for inflation) than the 2010 Census, while maintaining high quality results

Focus on Four Key Innovation Areas

Reengineering Address Canvassing

Optimizing Self-Response

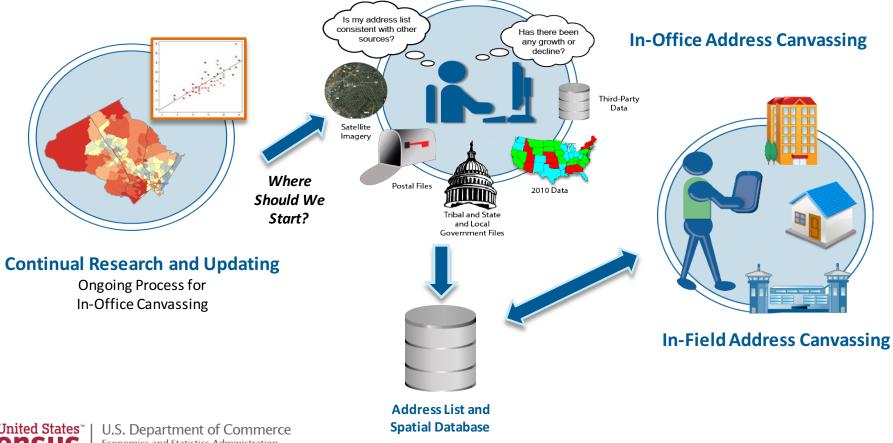
Utilizing
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Reengineering Field Operations

The 2020 Census: Establish Where to Count

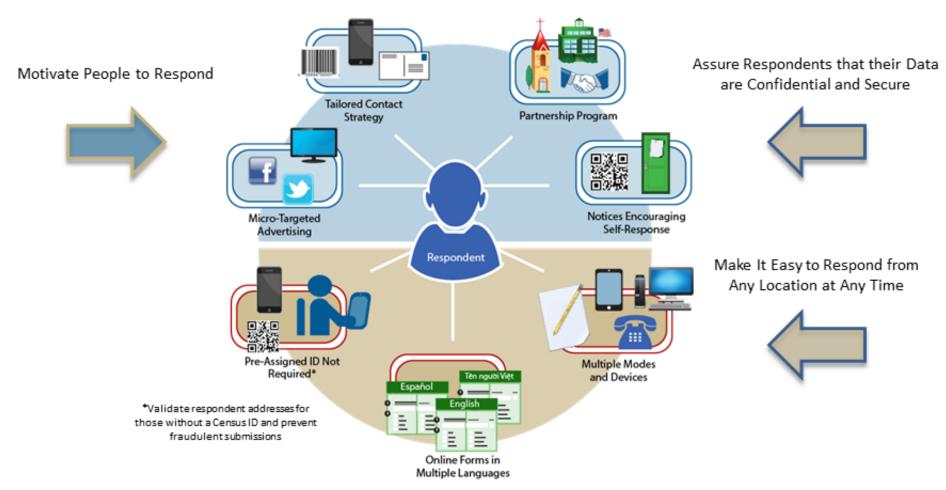
Reengineering Address Canvassing

Reduce the nationwide In-Field Address Canvassing by developing innovative methodologies for updating and maintaining the Census Bureau's address list and spatial database throughout the decade.



The 2020 Census: Motivate People to Respond Optimizing Self-Response

Generate the largest possible self-response, reducing the number of households requiring follow-up.



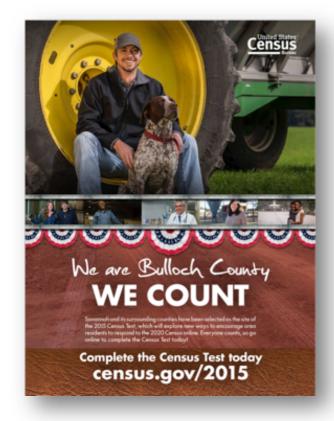
The 2020 Census: Motivate People to Respond

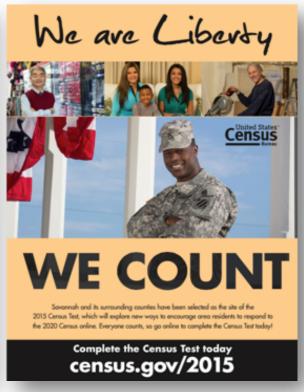
2015 Optimizing Self-Response Test

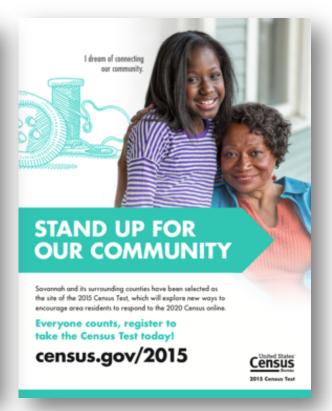
- A site test conducted in the Savannah, Georgia media market area (20 counties)
- Research how advertising, outreach, and promotion can engage and motivate respondents for action
- Findings:
 - An additional 35,249 Internet responses from housing units not selected in mail panels as a result of advertising and promotional efforts
 - "Notify Me" again had low participation
 - New postcard generated response of approximately 8 percent
 - Successful implementation of real-time non-ID processing, and matched 98.5 percent of cases

The 2020 Census: Motivate People to Respond

Optimizing Self-Response Outreach, Advertising, and PromotiOn





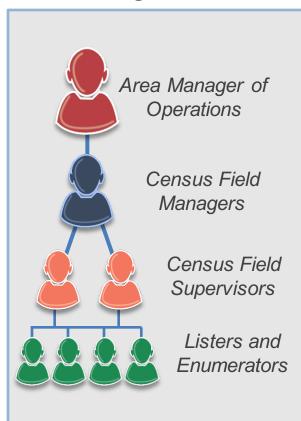


The 2020 Census: Count the Population

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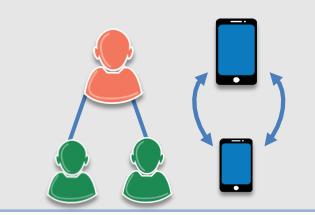
Use technology to more efficiently and effectively manage the 2020 Census fieldwork.

Streamlined Office and Staffing Structure



Increased use of Technology

- Automated and optimized work assignments
- Automated recruiting, training, payroll and expense reporting
- Ability to conduct address updates and enumeration on same device
- Reduced paper and manual processing



Increased Management and Staff Productivity

- Increased visibility into case status for improved workforce management
- Redesigned quality assurance operations
- Improved communications





The 2020 Census: Count the Population

Utilizing Administrative Records and Third-Party Data

Use information people have already provided to reduce expensive in-person follow-up.

Improve the Quality of the Address List



Update the address list



Validate incoming data from federal, tribal, state, and local governments

Increase Effectiveness of Advertising and Contact Strategies



Support the microtargeted advertising campaign



Create the contact frame (e.g., email addresses and telephone numbers)

Validate Respondent Submissions



Validate respondent addresses for those without a Census ID and prevent fraudulent submissions

Reduce Field Workload for Follow-up Activities

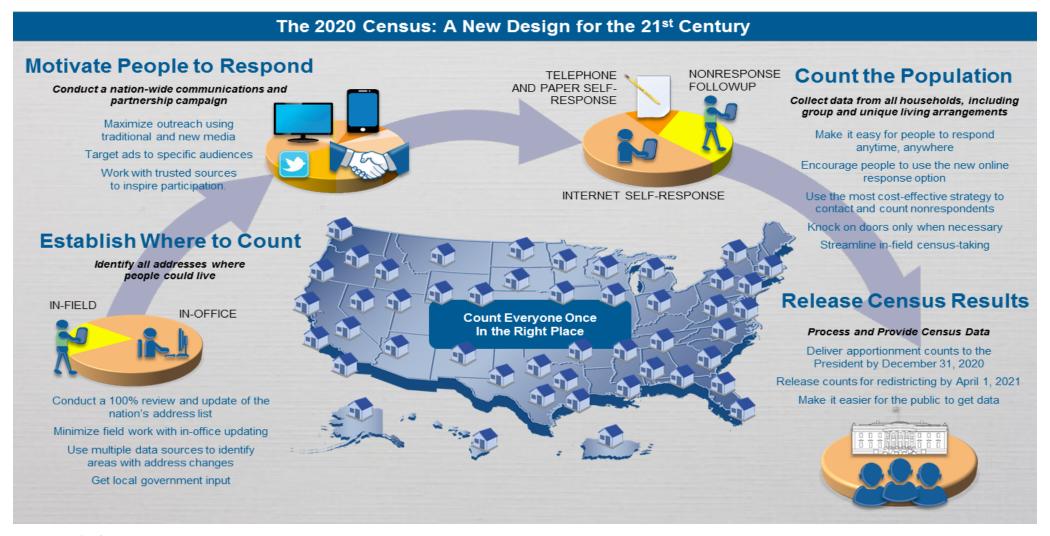


Remove vacant and nonresponding occupied housing units from the nonresponse follow-up workload

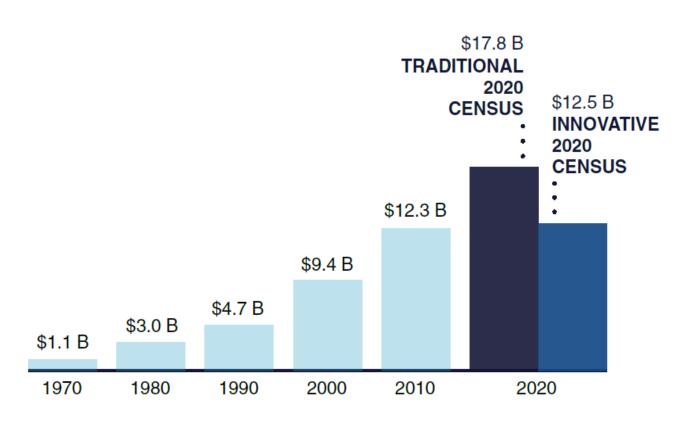


Optimize the number of contact attempts

A New Design for the 21st Century



Estimated Lifecycle Costs





The 2020 Census Key Upcoming Activities*

2016 Census Test (April 1st Census Day)

2016 Address Canvassing Test

Boundary and Annexation Survey – Governmental entities receive their annual invitation to update their legal boundaries

Award 2020 Census Questionnaire Assistance Contract

Award Integrated Communications Contract

2017 Census Test (April 1st Census Day)

7017 Topics to Congress – by March 31, 2017

Local Update of Census Addresses – Invitations sent to governmental entities to participate in review of our Master Address File and is complete in 2018

2018 End-to-End Test (April 1st Census Day)

Question Wording to Congress – by March 31, 2018

Partnership Program – Launch of the partnership program
Complete Count Committees – Formation of committee's should be complete

Advertising – Begins in early 2020

Census Day – April 1, 2020
 Nonresponse Follow-up – Begins in late April and continues until late June/early July
 Apportionment Counts to the President – by December 31, 2020

Redistricting Counts to the States – by March 31, 2021

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