2020 Census Update

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2020 Census
A complete and accurate count of the population and housing

Count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.
2020 Census Highlights

• Mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, the census is a count of every person living in the United States and its territories.

• Beginning in March 2020, invitations for the 2020 Census arrived in mailboxes.

• Due to COVID-19, data collection was extended to October 15, 2020.
Strong Self-Response

- First census with an internet-response option for all households.
- Two-thirds of households self-responded
- Majority responded online
- No down-time
2020 CENSUS

U.S. Population
As of April 1, 2020

3331,4449,2881
Apportionment

Gains:

- TX (2)
- CO (1)
- MT (1)
- FL (1)
- NC (1)
- OR (1)

Losses:

- CA (1)
- IL (1)
- MI (1)
- NY (1)
- OH (1)
- PA (1)
- WV (1)
Population Trends (Cont’d)

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States With the Largest and Smallest Population: 2020

- California: 39,538,223
- Wyoming: 576,851
- Utah: 18.4%
- West Virginia: -3.2%
What's Next?

Redistricting Data (PL 94-171)

- Statistics used by states to redraw boundaries for Congressional and state legislative districts to be released August 16, 2021.
- Includes population information at local geographic level on race, ethnicity and housing ownership.
- Provided in legacy format and posted on FTP site.
- Same data released in more user-friendly format by September 30, 2021

Demographic and Housing Characteristics Data
Privacy and Accuracy

• Protecting individual privacy is the law and core to our mission. Responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and cannot be shared.

• Redistricting data will be the first release of 2020 Census data using a cutting-edge mathematical framework, Differential Privacy, that protects individual information while letting us share important statistics about communities.

• Quality census statistics are critically important for communities. Differential privacy allows us to balance privacy and accuracy.
Data Quality

• Numerous quality checks built into collecting the data

• Conducted one of the most comprehensive reviews in recent census history during data processing, including review by outside experts.

• Despite the challenges of 2020, the completeness and accuracy of the first 2020 Census results are comparable with recent censuses.
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Percent Change in Population for U.S. Regions: 2010 to 2020

WEST 9.2%

MIDWEST 3.1%

NORTHEAST 4.1%

SOUTH 10.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census and 2010 Census.
2020 CENSUS

10 Most Populous States Ranked Largest to Smallest: 2020

California
Texas
Florida
New York
Pennsylvania
Illinois
Ohio
Georgia
North Carolina
Michigan

States in green represent a population between 10 million and 40 million.
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10 Least Populous States Ranked Smallest to Largest: 2020

Wyoming
Vermont
Alaska
North Dakota
South Dakota
Delaware
Montana
Rhode Island
Maine
New Hampshire

States in green represent a population between 0.5 million and 1.4 million.
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Regional Trend in Apportionment Since 1940

84 seats shifted to the South and West.

Seat Decrease

Seat Increase

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses, 1940-2020.
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States That Will Have Most Seats in U.S. House of Representatives

California
Texas
Florida
New York