Regional Office Update

2021 NJ State Data Center Virtual Network Meeting

November 9, 2021
Topics

• Regional Census Center
• Geography Program
• Current Survey
• Field Quality Monitoring
• Covid-19 Procedures
• Contact Information
Regional Census Center

• Partnership Program
  • Transition to Data Dissemination Specialist
  • 2020 Partnership Program

• Closing of the Regional Census Center
  • Current Staff 45 State side and 12 in Puerto Rico
  • December 2021- RCC will officially close

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• Post Enumeration Survey (PES)
  • 5 Operations focused on data quality
    ✓ Independent Listing (IL): Collects a complete inventory of the housing unit addresses in the sampled BCUs
    ✓ Initial Housing Unit Follow Up (IHUFU): Reconciles inconsistencies between PES and Census addresses
    ✓ Person Interview (PI): Obtains information about the residents of the sample housing units at the time of the interview
    ✓ Person Follow Up (PFU): Resolves differences in household compositions between PI and the Census
    ❑ Final Housing Unit Follow Up (FHUFU): Reconciles inconsistencies between unresolved PES addresses and updated Census addresses
  • Final operation will be in the field Nov. 2021 – Jan. 2022
    • 470 Field Employees & Field Supervisors
Regional Geography Updates

• **Census Designated Place review**
  • Reviewing and updating Census Designated Places (CDPs), universe adding new CDPs and adjusting CDP boundaries where appropriate

• **2030 Census planning**
  • Reviewing the effectiveness of 2020 Type of Enumeration (TEA) by tract
  • Reviewing the 2020 Undeliverable as Addressed (UAA) rates and mail return rates by tract
  • Reviewing difficult to physically access tracts
  • Will be used in planning, testing for 2030

• **Preparing for Count Question Resolution (CQR)**
  • The CQR operation accepts requests for review of the 2020 Census count of living quarters (LQs, including housing units (HUs) and group quarters (GQs)) based on two types of geographic cases: boundary and/or LQ count.
  • Testing internal systems for case review
  • Updating the Highest Elected Official (HEO) contacts for all eligible GU’s
CQR Key Dates 2020 CQR Fact Sheet

• **Fall 2021**, Publish the Federal Register notice,
  • 30-day comment period

• **December 2021**: The Census Bureau will send a message to the tribal chairpersons and highest elected officials at tribal, state, and local governments who are eligible to file a CQR case; launch of CQR Website; and launch the CQR Geographic Partnership Support Desk (GPSD) phone line.

• **January 2022**: The Census Bureau will begin accepting and processing CQR cases from eligible tribal, state, and local governments.

• **June 30, 2023**: The Census Bureau stops accepting CQR cases.

• **September 30, 2023**: Deadline for the Census Bureau to provide results to impacted GUs.
Regional Office Updates

Data Collection Activities

- Field Representatives (FRs) are making Personal Visits
- Texting option for Respondents to schedule interview appointments with FRs
- American Housing Survey (AHS) - concludes Interviewing Sept. 2021
- New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey (NYCHVS) - concluded July 2021
  - Field Staffing for NYCHVS 2023 begins Summer of 2022
  - Data Collection February 2023
  - 2021 Data Release - Summer 2022

Partner Support - The “Other 9 Years”

- Encourage constituents and networks of organizations to share the census mission.
Regional Office Updates

• Field Quality Monitoring (FQM)
  • New Program that launched with AHS
  • Create one unified system by which data quality for an FR can be monitored across surveys in near real-time.
  • Data-driven analysis based on all cases (not sample) using investigations to gain context.
  • Identify and correct isolated quality problems before becoming widespread or requiring fixes during processing.

• COVID protocols
  • All Census Bureau employees have a mandatory vaccination requirement of November 22, 2021.
  • Office employees report to the physical office in NYC on an alternating basis with 50% staffing on any given day.
    • All staff including contractors are required to self-screen prior to entering the office space and are required to wear a mask unless at their desk with appropriate physical distance.
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