



Williamson County US Census - PSAP

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PSAP

- ▶ US Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Area Program
- ▶ Part of the 2020 Census Process
- ▶ The statistical areas will be used for the next 10 years (2020-2030)
- ▶ GOAL: Obtain meaningful, small area and place-level statistical data in order to frame the 2020 Census tabulations

What PSAP is:

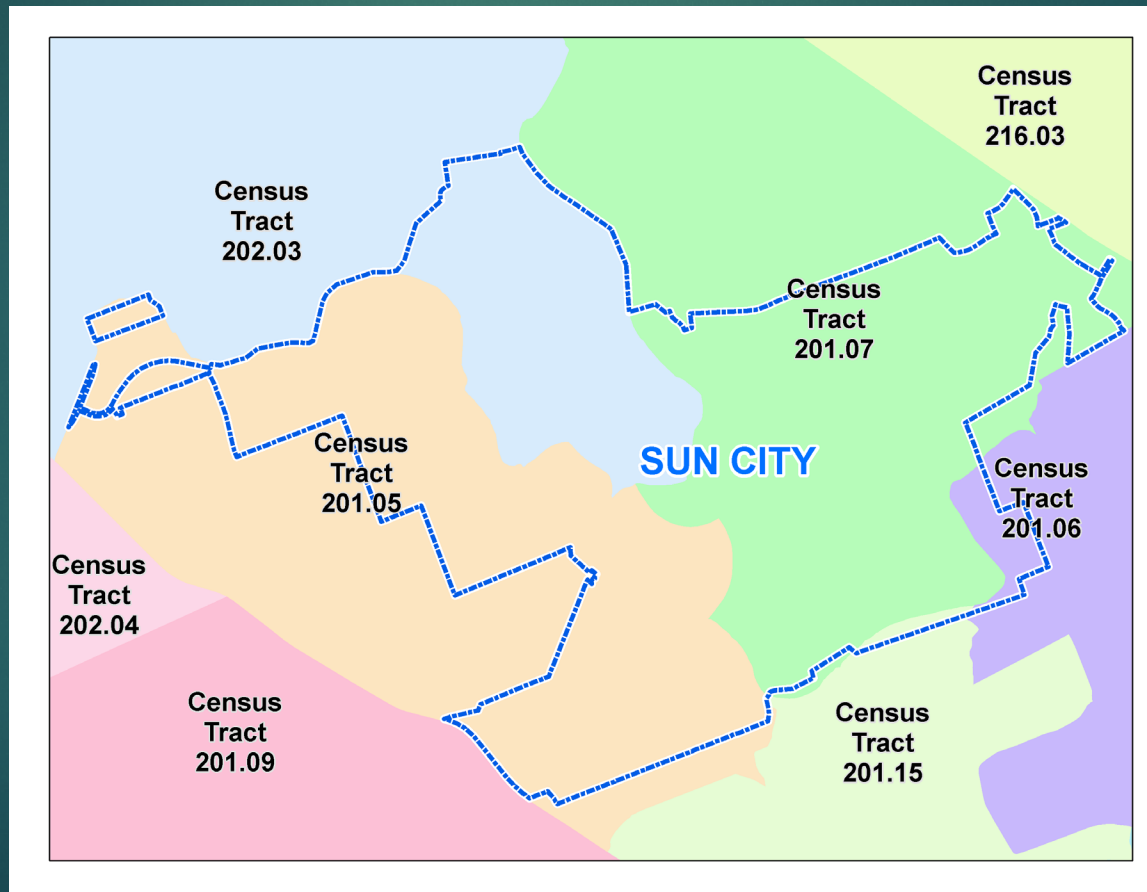
- ▶ Splitting tracts and block groups that do not meet the population or housing unit requirements based on the best data available
- ▶ Drawing or updating boundaries for Census Designated Places
 - ▶ Unincorporated areas only

What PSAP is Not

- ▶ Affecting census counts
- ▶ Affecting overall demographics
- ▶ Drawing district lines (commissioner, SMDs, etc.)

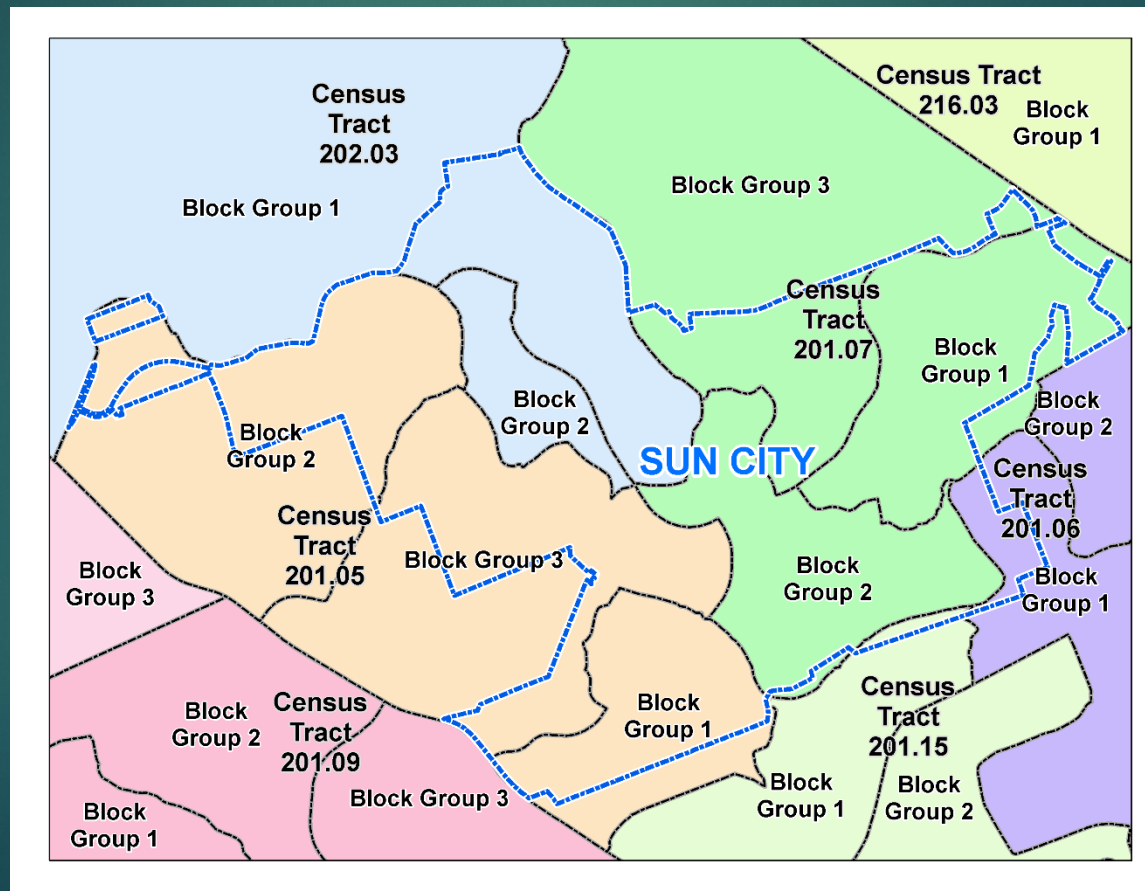
What is a Tract?

- ▶ A subdivision of a County and is used for statistical tabulation
- ▶ Tracts contain several Block Groups



What is a Block Group?

- ▶ A subdivision of a Census Tract that is used for statistical tabulation. It is comprised of several individual Census Blocks
- ▶ It is the smallest Census division with full statistical data



CAPCOG and County Tasks

- ▶ CAPCOG is in charge of sending the data to the Census bureau for each of the counties in the region
- ▶ CAPCOG has asked the Counties to update data locally
- ▶ The County will make changes and submit to CAPCOG

Population & Housing

- ▶ Both Tracts and Block Groups have “ranges” of allowed sizes

	Population Thresholds			Housing Unit Thresholds		
	Minimum	Target	Max	Minimum	Target	Max
Tracts	1,200	4,000	8,000	480	1,600	3,200
Block Groups	600	-	3,000	240	-	1,200

Why this is Important

- ▶ Grants and other funding may be dependent on these areas
- ▶ Accurate demographics may be important for redistricting
 - ▶ While not always required, it makes counting population and demographics easier

Challenges



- ▶ The County does not maintain population statistics
- ▶ The Census-provided demographic data is from the 2010 Census supplemented by the Census American Community Survey (ACS) Data.
- ▶ The County GIS staff does not know where to draw the new boundary lines if it matters to Cities

Solution

- ▶ Cities can request “splits” to Tracts and Block groups along boundaries they define
- ▶ Split with GIS software and statistical data
 - ▶ Housing Counts
 - ▶ Population Information
 - ▶ Census 2010 information
 - ▶ Other data?
- ▶ Split based on geographic features and jurisdictional boundaries: Roads, creeks, City Limits – **as defined by the Census***

Compilation Process



- ▶ After all the participant data has been gathered, the County will compile the data
- ▶ Edits will also be made by the County to other areas
- ▶ A revised, complete data set and maps will be published online for review
- ▶ Participants will make any other edits
- ▶ County will make the final changes and submit

Timeline (Tentative)

- ▶ Jan 14 – 120 days begins
- ▶ Jan 22–Commissioner’s Court discussion
- ▶ Jan 24 – CAPCOG training and meeting for County participants
- ▶ Early Feb – Coordination meeting (96 days remain)
- ▶ Early Feb for 30 days – Participants make changes or edit at Wilco offices
- ▶ Early March – Deadline for submissions from participants
- ▶ Mid March – Mid April – County review and input of edits into Census software
- ▶ Mid April – Draft data sent to participants for review
- ▶ Late April– Edits of draft to be submitted to the County
- ▶ Late April – Finalize and prepare final data in Census software
- ▶ Late April – Publish final data set to participants
- ▶ April 29 – Submit changes to CAPCOG
- ▶ April 29 - May14 – CAPCOG submits final data to the Census Bureau