

Census 2020 Overview

Boundary Annexation Survey (BAS)

BAS is an annual survey tracking legal boundaries of states, counties, cities and towns which may have changed through annexations, incorporations, or other events. The County responds to the BAS annually through the GIS group in Technology Services.

Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

LUCA is the only opportunity offered to tribal, state and local governments to review and comment on the Census Bureau's address lists and maps before the 2020 Census. The address list is the backbone of the census.

Census forms are sent to housing units, not to people; thus, Census 2020 won't be accurate if the Census Bureau doesn't know about all the housing units in an area. Despite their best efforts, there is no way the Census Bureau can replicate the knowledge local governments possess about their communities.

The County's GIS staff completed the LUCA process in 2018 as part of a regional partnership with CAPCOG.

Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)

PSAP allows local and tribal governments to recommend boundaries for statistical areas such as census tracts and block groups. Statistical area boundaries are defined once every 10 years, and data will be reported for these areas from the 2020 Census and the American Community Survey. This process is underway currently.

Census Day – April 1, 2020

The official population counts and demographics will be recorded as of this date.

Census Data Distribution – 2021

In the first half of 2021, the states will receive the data with full population and demographic information. This will be distributed to the local government entities and the public through the states.

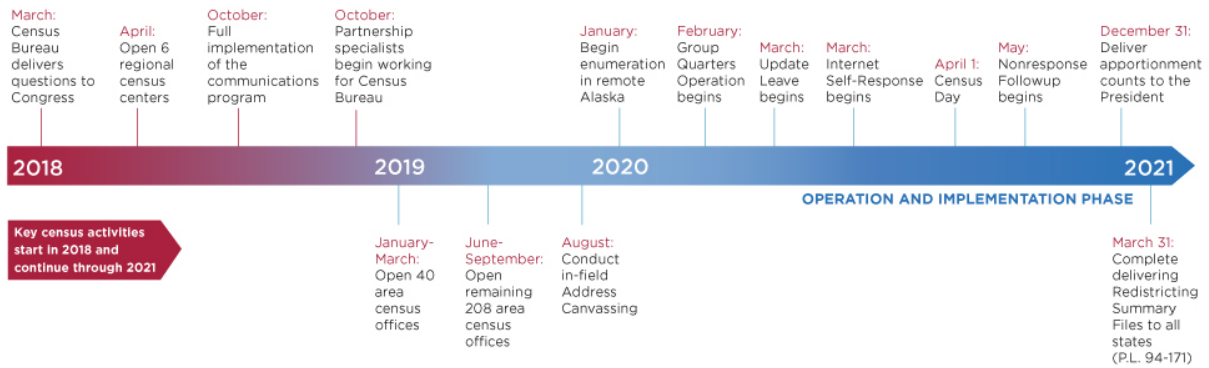
Redistricting – 2021

District lines for local, state, and federal offices are redrawn every 10 years following completion of the United States census. This takes place in the odd-numbered year after the census, and generally uses data derived from the latest Census in order to balance populations.

American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is conducted every year to provide up-to-date information about the social and economic needs of your community. The ACS shows how people live--our education, housing, jobs and more. For example, results may be used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and emergency services are needed. This can serve as supplemental data, but does have a different focus and lower level of detail than the decennial census.

2020 Census Operational Timeline



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