

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Summary

In 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau will release data for apportionment and redistricting from the 2020 Census. Simultaneously, it will embark on a multiyear process of transforming its operations from a twentieth-century, survey-centric model to a twenty-first-century, data-centric model that blends survey data with administrative and alternative data sources to ensure that we continue to provide the data America needs.

As the Census Bureau brings the 2020 Census to a successful conclusion, we are looking to leverage the innovations initiated through this operation to position the Census Bureau for the future, address emerging challenges, and continue to be a leader within the statistical community providing the data and products necessary to meet user needs and inform our national discourse. The 2020 Census proved the advantage of integrating technology with traditional operations to drive down costs and increase our efficiency. The expanded use of administrative records; ability to warehouse and disseminate data in user-centric ways; and develop new methods to maintain the privacy of respondents are important innovations that will help the Census Bureau address challenges like declining response rates and greater risks to data confidentiality.

The FY 2021 budget request addresses these challenges head-on. The Census Bureau is beginning a multiyear process of transforming its organization and

U.S. Census Bureau Discretionary Budget Authority (In thousands of dollars)				
	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2021 ±
Current Surveys and Programs	270,000	274,000	279,268	+5,268 +2%
Periodic Censuses and Programs ¹ . .	3,547,832	7,280,763	1,389,153	-5,891,610 -81%
[2020 Census—Non Add]	[3,015,144]	[6,696,000]	[812,430]	[-5,883,570] -88%
[Non-2020 Census—Non Add]	[532,688]	[584,763]	[576,723]	[-8,040] -1%
Total Census Bureau, Discretionary	3,817,832	7,554,763	1,668,421	-5,886,342 -78%

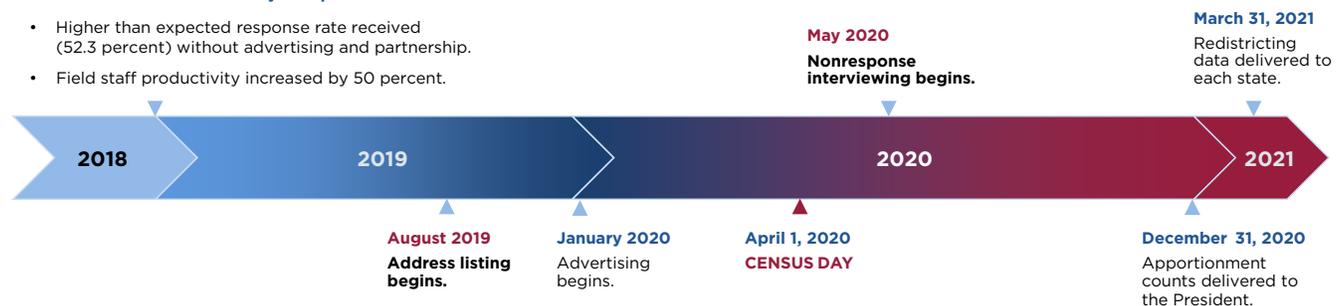
¹ In addition to the requested Budget Authority, \$181 million in available balances that were appropriated in prior years will be available for the 2020 Census (\$122 million) and the Data Ingest and Collection for the Enterprise initiative (\$59 million), making available \$1.6 billion for Periodic Censuses and Programs, of which \$934 million directly supports 2020 Census in FY 2021.

operations from a twentieth-century, survey-centric model to a twenty-first-century, data-centric model that blends survey data with administrative and alternative digital data sources. The initiatives proposed in the FY 2021 budget request lay the groundwork for transformation at the Census Bureau by providing enterprisewide infrastructure for data management, survey sample frames, user-centric dissemination systems, and enhanced administrative records research, while keeping our data confidentiality promise to the American people through improved data disclosure methods and management.

The 2020 Census—On Budget and On Schedule

2018 Census Test Successfully Completed

- Higher than expected response rate received (52.3 percent) without advertising and partnership.
- Field staff productivity increased by 50 percent.



In FY 2021, the Census Bureau will meet its constitutional mandate and statutory deadlines with the first two releases of census data—for apportionment and redistricting; complete and close out field operations and offices; and conduct coverage and quality operations.

As we turn to the future, the FY 2021 budget proposes several initiatives that will use lessons learned from the 2020 Census to inform and cultivate the next generation of processes, IT systems, and tools for all surveys and

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censuses. These initiatives will allow the Census Bureau to keep pace with the changing environment affecting survey methods and data; streamline survey collection, processing, and dissemination methods; set the foundation for the next decennial census, providing methods and systems that can be scaled to meet future demand; and respond to our stakeholders' needs, resulting in more timely, detailed, and relevant estimates and statistics that link with other data.

In FY 2021, the Census Bureau will continue data releases from the reengineered 2017 Economic Census, which set the baseline for the critical monthly, quarterly, and annual economic indicators. We will continue planning activities for the 2022 Economic Census and Census of Governments and collecting the monthly, quarterly, and annual economic and demographic data that move markets, drive investment, and inform policy through our current economic and demographic statistics programs and the American Community Survey (ACS).

CONDUCTING A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DECENNIAL CENSUS

2020 Census—Request \$812.4M, combined with \$122.0M in funds from prior year, unobligated balances for a total of \$934.4M (–\$5,557.2M), supporting:

- Release of 2020 Census apportionment and redistricting data.
- Conducting operations to measure the quality of the census and validate the results.
- Ramping-down field operations, including release of temporary staff, closure of 248 Area Census Offices, and decommissioning of devices and equipment.
- Evaluating key components of the 2020 Census design and lessons learned with an eye towards planning and designing the 2030 Census.

BUILDING ON THE 2020 CENSUS TO MODERNIZE THE CENSUS BUREAU

Census Enterprise Data Collection and Processing (CEDCaP) and Data Ingest and Collection for the Enterprise (DICE)—Request \$10.1M, combined with \$59.0M in prior year, unobligated balances (–\$14.1M):

- Supports operation of CEDCaP systems in support of 2020 Census operations.
- Transitioning from CEDCaP to the new DICE, which incorporates lessons learned from the 2020 Census operations and integrates the Census Bureau's other censuses and surveys into an enterprise suite of systems for collecting data and ingesting commercial and administrative records.
- Preserves access to federal and federally sponsored administrative data for policymakers through the Administrative Records Clearinghouse.

Enterprise Dissemination Services—Request \$70.9M (+6.0M)

- Supports implementation of a high-performance Center for Enterprise Dissemination Services and Consumer Innovation (CEDCSCI) system with a responsive and modern user interface and well-documented application programming interface services.
- Disseminates data products from the 2020 Census, ACS, Economic Census, and other major programs.
- Reflects decommissioning of the legacy American FactFinder system after transition of its datasets and products to the CEDSCI platform.

- Expands disclosure avoidance efforts and implementation of a robust disclosure platform for Census Bureau Data.
- Preserves comparability of data over time and across programs.

Enterprise Data Lake—Request \$22.3M (+\$22.3M)

- Provides a centralized repository for all of our survey data and provides analysis capabilities in a secure, scalable, high-performing, storage and computing cloud environment.
- Builds on the successful implementation of the 2020 Census Data Lake by transitioning the data and capabilities developed through that initiative to the larger, enterprise infrastructure being built with these funds.

Geographic Support—Request \$76.3M (+\$15.1M)

- Initiates the Census Frames initiative, which integrates multiple frames that contain data on persons, places, and the economy for streamlined use by all surveys, censuses, and data products.

Administrative Records Research and Applications—Request \$9.3M (+\$4.7M)

- Invests in research on the use of administrative records to improve sample survey operations, data quality, and data products.

Census Personnel and Employment Check Systems—Request \$13.6M (+0.4M)

- Provides human resource, payroll, and background check systems for the 2020 Census.

PROVIDING DATA THAT MOVE MARKETS, DRIVE BUSINESS INVESTMENT, AND INFORM POLICY

Current Economic Statistics—Request \$196.0M (+\$11.3M)

Provides critical information about Gross Domestic Product and other key economic indicators that businesses use to make investment decisions that drive economic growth.

Current Demographic Statistics—Request \$83.3M (–\$6.0M)

Preserves data collection for the Current Population Survey and the Survey of Income and Program Participation at a sample size of 31,900 households and supports research sustainable collection methods or alternative sources of comparable data on the economic well-being of Americans.

Economic Census/Census of Governments—Request \$147.8M (+\$8.2M)

- Supports release of 2017 Economic Census data, and planning and development of content, systems, and processes for the 2022 Economic Census.
- Conducting research, development, outreach, and planning activities for the 2022 Census of Governments.

American Community Survey—Request \$226.4M (+\$8.4M)

- Provides annual, detailed, community-level, demographic, socioeconomic estimates.

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