

2020 Census Operational Delivery 11.2 Count Question Resolution Operation (CQR)

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CQR Key Dates

September 18, 2020: Test Readiness Review (TRR) – **Completed.**

March 5, 2021: Production Readiness Review (PRR).

Spring 2021: Production dry run to move a file through all production systems.

September 1, 2021: Operational Readiness Review (ORR).

September 1, 2021: The Census Bureau sends a message to the tribal chairpersons and highest elected officials at tribal, state, and local governments who are eligible to file a CQR case.

October 1, 2021: The Census Bureau begins processing CQR cases from eligible tribal, state, and local governmental units (GUs), researching the census enumeration records from each GU.

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

September 30, 2023: Deadline the Census Bureau to provide results to impacted GUs.

Accomplishments

- CQR 60-day Federal Register Notice comment period ended October 5th.
- CQR Risk Register completed ADC review.
- Completed Phase 2 (of 5) of PCS development and testing.
 - *Phase 3 of PCS testing set to complete this week.*
 - *Phase 4 of PCS development is currently under review.*
- Completed Division Chief review of CQR letters.
- Submitted a change request for the CQR schedule to update timelines for specific deliverables.
- Presented at the FSCPE conference on September 23, 2020.

Risk

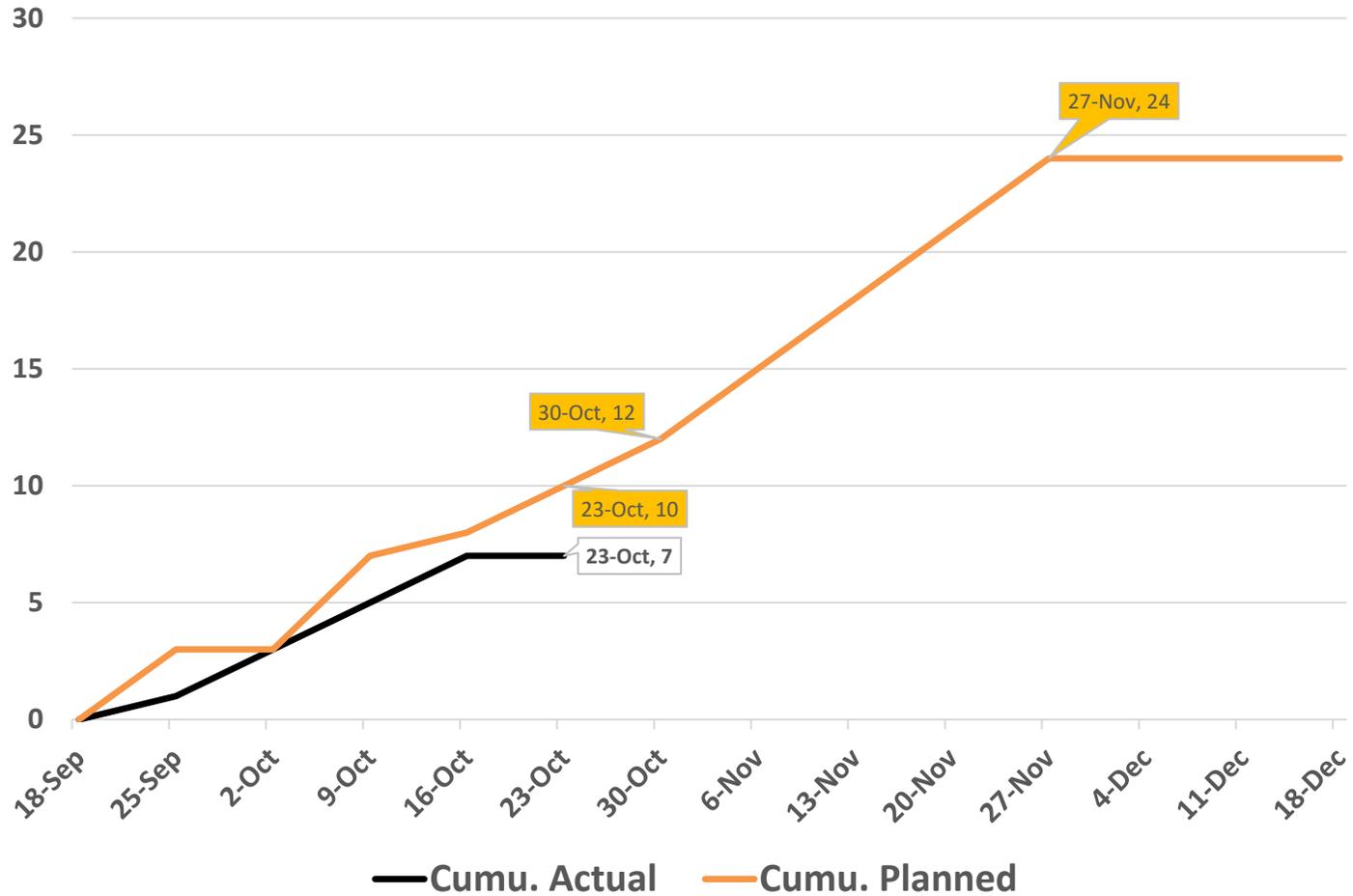
Risk ID	Title	Description	Status	Probability	Impact	Exposure
CQR002	CQR Case Volume	IF the results of the 2020 Census are received unfavorably by data users, THEN CQR may receive a large volume of CQR inquiries and cases from governments.	Proposed	4	4	16
CQR012	Updated 2020 Population Counts	IF Disclosure Avoidance hides the result of the CQR update, THEN participants may be concerned about whether CQR applied corrections for a GU's case.	Proposed	4	3	12

2020 OD 11.2

- TRR – 09/18/20
- PRR – 03/05/21
- ORR – 09/01/21

2020 Count Question Resolution Plan Line

OD 11.2 Execution Plan Line



Summary of Upcoming/Ongoing Activities:

- TRR approved on 09/18
- First round of functional/interface test case execution

OD 11.2 as of 10/23	Blocked	Passed	Failed	No Run	In Progress	<Total>
Functional	0	4	0	11	0	15
Interface	0	3	0	6	0	9
<Total>	0	7	0	17	0	24

Notes:

- Team focus was on CDL EOO closeouts. Plan to catch up by Nov 1st (5 test cases).

CQR Systems Status

- Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS) – development nearing completion (most critical functionality developed), release to production expected by August 2021.
- Centurion Secure Web Incoming Module (SWIM) – development completed, scheduled release to production 10/1/2021.
- Census Image Retrieval Application (CIRA) – development to be completed by 11/6/2020.
- MAF/TIGER
 - Production Control System (PCS) – Phase 1 and 2 (of 5) released to production; Phase 3 releasing to production this week; Phase 4 in review; all development expected to be completed by Production Dry Run in the Spring of 2021.
 - Matching and Coding Software (MaCS) – development continues, expected to be completed by Production Dry Run in the Spring of 2021.

CQR Document Status

- CQR Flyer – currently under ADC and DCCO review.
- CQR FAQs – currently under management review.
- CQR Letters – completed Division Chief review.
- CQR non-GUPS Participant Guide – currently under SME review.
- CQR GUPS Participant Guide – currently in draft phase.
- CQR Processing Procedures – scheduled to begin draft in Q1 of FY21.
- CQR Website – undergoing SME review.

Current Status

- CQR team working to submit Federal Register Notice for the 30 day comment period.
- CQR team working with DCCO on the creation of a high-level infographic to plainly explain CQR and its purpose to the general public.
- DCMD presenting a CQR overview presentation to various external stakeholder groups.
 - State Data Center Program on 10/28/2020.
- DCMD and GEO project leads are finalizing:
 - Interdivisional project workflows,
 - Participant materials and tools including the CQR flyer, public website, public FAQs, letters, participant guides, GUPS, and SWIM.
- GEO continues to work with DITD to develop and test the CQR PCS and MaCS.

Questions?

Thank you!

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Backup Slides

CQR Workflow

- Tribal, state, and local governments review published 2020 Census results. If they suspect errors with their boundaries or their counts, they may file a CQR case.
- DCMD CQRB receives cases, reviews the case materials for correctness and completeness, and determines whether the case is in or out of scope.
- In-scope cases are sent to GEO for research and resolution. Research may or may not find processing errors in the 2020 Census data. If no processing errors are found, no changes are made and the case is closed.
- If processing errors are found, they are resolved. Once resolved, the Census Bureau re-tabulates the 2020 Census counts, when necessary, for all governments impacted by the CQR case.
- The Census Bureau provides the updated 2020 Census counts to the highest elected official of all impacted tribal, state, and local governments, and posts the errata on the 2020 CQR website.