

National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations

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Who are the “hard to count”?

- racial and ethnic minorities
- linguistic minorities
- lower income persons
- homeless persons
- undocumented immigrants
- young mobile persons
- children

Working Group Goals - Mission

The working group will be exploring how plans for the 2020 Census may impact hard-to-count populations.

Specifically, the working group will focus on proposed plans that include the use of sources such as administrative records and third party data and the utilization of the internet. How will this impact counting hard-to-count populations?

Working Group Goals - Focus

The Working Group will:

1. Review interim findings from 2020 Research and Testing projects using administrative records and third party data and findings from research and testing using the internet as a mode for data collection.
2. Focus on methods to enumerate the hard to count population that are not easily reached through Administrative Records or the Internet.
3. Identify topics for further research.

What We Have Done

- 1st conference call in January was a simple discussion of the mission of the WG.
- 2nd conference call in February served as an introduction to the demographics of the hard to count. What populations have been hard to enumerate and why?
- 3rd conference call in March focused on non-response follow-up (NRFU) operations from 2010.

Plans for WG

- Additional conference calls this spring on:
 - Administrative data use
 - Internet use
- During summer calls with experts:
 - Expert on differential access to internet/smart phones, use of administrative data, etc.

Summary: WG Plans

1. WG meetings will continue to have conference calls held once a month.
2. Findings from the WG will be presented at the October 8-9, 2015 NAC meeting.
3. A final report will be submitted to the Census Bureau at the April 28-29, 2016 NAC meeting.