Hi, my name is Maria, and today I want to show you how to search for P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data using the ‘Place’ geography filter on data.census.gov. The ‘Place’ geography filter is made up of incorporated places, which are legal entities, and census designated places (CDPs), which are statistical entities. Places nest within state boundaries. A lot of users may want to view the new Redistricting Data for this geography, so let’s jump into our example search!

For example, users may be interested in finding the Hispanic or Latino population for their community. To do this, navigate to our site at data.census.gov and click on the Advanced Search button located directly under the Single Search bar. Once you click on that link, you will see a list of filters on the left side of the screen. To access the Redistricting Data, click on the ‘Surveys’ filter and select the ‘Decennial Census’ option. Then, scroll down the list until you see ‘Redistricting Data’ with ‘PL 94-171’ in parentheses. Click on the checkbox directly to the left of this survey title. Since we want the newest tables from 2020, go to the ‘Years’ filter and select ‘2020’ from the list.

Next, select the geography you want to view. For this example, I will use the city of Denver, Colorado, so I’ll click on the ‘Geography’ filter, and then scroll until I see the ‘Place’ geography and select it. After we select ‘Place’, we will choose the state that our place is in. Since Denver is in Colorado, you will click on ‘Colorado’ and the page will advance to show all places in Colorado. This is an extensive list and can take some time to scroll through, so I recommend using the search bar that is available at the top of the panel to search for a specific place. If you click on the magnifying glass icon in the top right corner of the panel labeled ‘Colorado’, a search bar will appear. If I start typing ‘Denver’ into this search bar, the panel will automatically update to show places in Colorado that match my search term. Then, I’ll click on the checkbox directly to the left of ‘Denver city, Colorado’, which should appear at the top of the list. It’s also worth mentioning that you can add multiple geographies to your search. If I’m looking for data on Denver and, say, Lincoln, Nebraska I would return to the ‘Within (State)’ panel of this filter, select ‘Nebraska’, and then search for ‘Lincoln’ in the search bar, just like I did for Denver. Then, I would select ‘Lincoln city, Nebraska’ and that too would be added to the search.

Once those filters are applied, click on the ‘Search’ button, located at the bottom right corner of the screen. The results page shows all six tables available from the 2020 P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data. Since we’re looking for data specifically on the Hispanic or Latino populations of Denver and Lincoln, let’s click on table P2, ‘Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race.’ This table shows the total populations of Denver and...
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Lincoln on the first line, the total Hispanic or Latino population on the second line, and the total population of those who did not identify as Hispanic or Latino on the third line. Now let’s navigate to the table list on the left and click on Table P4, ‘Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 18 Years and Over.’ This table provides the same data as table P2, but only for the voting age populations of Denver and Lincoln.

I hope this tutorial provided insight on how to access the 2020 PL 94-171 Redistricting Data on a Place-level geography through data.census.gov. For more guidance on using our site, please visit our Resources page at the link provided below. Thank you!