This informational flier will show you how to access the 2020 Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data through data.census.gov. Public Law 94-171 (P.L. 94-171) requires that the Census Bureau provide states the opportunity to identify the geographic areas for which specific tabulations of population are needed and deliver those tabulations to the states in a timely manner for the purpose of legislative redistricting.

Many users may want to access the 2020 Redistricting Data to view the population and housing counts 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. Click on Surveys and then select the Decennial Census option. Then, scroll down and check the box for Redistricting Data (PL 94-171).
Since we only want the 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, we will use the city of Atlanta, Georgia, so we’ll click on the ‘Geography’ filter, and then scroll until we see the ‘Place’ geography. The ‘Place’ geography filter helps identify data available for cities and towns. After we select ‘Place’, we will choose the state that our place is in. Since Atlanta is in Georgia, you will click on ‘Georgia’ and the page will advance to show all places in Georgia. Since this is quite an extensive list, we recommend using the search bar that is available at the top of the panel.
If you click on the magnifying glass icon in the top right corner of the panel labeled ‘Georgia’, a search bar will appear, and you will be able to search for places within Georgia. If we start typing ‘Atlanta’ into this search bar, the panel will automatically update to show places in Georgia that match our search term. Click on the checkbox directly to the left of ‘Atlanta city, Georgia’, which should appear at the top of the list. Once those filters are applied, click on the ‘Search’ button, located at the bottom right corner of the screen.

This will return all the tables that meet the search criteria we entered. Tables P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 contain population data, and Table H1 contains housing data. For this example, click on Table P1, ‘Race’, to view population data for Atlanta broken down by race for the total population.
Then navigate to the table list on the left side of the screen and click on Table H1, ‘Occupancy Status’, to view the occupied and vacant housing counts for Atlanta.

But what if we want to view and download data for smaller geographic areas, such as Census blocks? If we want to find Redistricting Data for all Census blocks within a county or state, we can start another search by clicking on the US Census Bureau logo in the upper left corner of the screen.
Then hit the Advanced Search button found beneath the Single Search bar.

Since Census blocks are only available for the Decennial Census, we will only need to select our geography in this search. For this example, let’s select Census blocks from Cumberland County, Maine. Click on ‘Geography’ and then click on ‘Block’. Scroll down the next list of states and select ‘Maine’, and then click on ‘Cumberland County, Maine’ from the county list. Next, you’ll need to select the Census tract. For this example, let’s choose ‘Census Tract 1’ from Cumberland County. The last step is to select the blocks you wish to view. For this example, let’s just select a couple blocks towards the top of the list—blocks 1000 and 1001. Once all your selections are made, click on the ‘Search’ button in the lower right corner of the screen.
This will return all the tables that are available for the blocks that we selected. Click on any table to view. For this example, let’s choose table P1, ‘Race’, again.

To download the table to your computer, click on the ‘Download’ button on the top left side of the screen above the table list.
This action will prompt empty checkboxes to appear beside each table name in the list on the left side of the screen. You can select multiple tables to download at once, but for now, let's just select table P1. Once that table is selected, scroll up to the ‘Download Selected’ button at the top of the list and click on it.

A pop-up panel will appear confirming that you’re downloading the 2020 Redistricting Data as a CSV file. Click on the Download button found in the lower right corner of the screen.
Once you click the Download button, you’ll receive a message stating that the site is preparing the files. Once that is done, hit the Download Now button.

This will download the .zip file to your computer.
Please note that, once you click on the download folder, you may be prompted to unzip the contents of the .zip file to one of the file folders present on your computer. Open the file that has “data with overlays” in the naming convention and select the file to open in Excel.

Now that we’ve clicked on that file and have finished waiting for it to open in Excel, we can see the data available for the Census blocks we selected in the Excel file.

You can also find and map PL 94-171 data through data.census.gov. Let’s say you want to find race and ethnicity data for congressional districts in your state. Again, we would click on the US Census Bureau logo and go to the Advanced Search.
Click on Surveys and choose the Decennial Census option. Then scroll down and check the box for Redistricting Data (PL 94-171).

Next, let’s select congressional districts in Illinois for this example. Through the ‘Geography’ filter, you will select ‘Congressional District’ and then ‘Illinois’ as the state. Then, select ‘All Congressional Districts for the 116th Congress in Illinois’ and click the ‘Search’ button as we did in our previous example searches.
Then, choose a table related to race and/or ethnicity from the results page. For this example, I chose table P2, ‘Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race’.

Once you choose table P2, click on the ‘Maps’ button that is on the upper middle part of the screen above the table list.
This will show a map that will zoom in on the state of Illinois and display the 116th congressional district boundaries for the state of Illinois. The map will automatically default to show the 2020 Total Population of each Congressional District.

To change the data variable that the map is showing, click on the downward chevron directly to the right of the ‘Total’ button, which is located on the top left side of the page above the map view. From there, you can scroll down the list and select any of the other variables that are present in the table to view within the map. You can also use the search feature directly above the list to find a particular data variable.
For example, if I want to find a data variable that contains the word ‘Two’, I can type ‘Two’ into the search bar and then select a variable that contains that word. Let’s click on the data variable for ‘Total—Not Hispanic or Latino—Population of two races—Population of two races.’

Notice that the map updates with data for the new variable I selected, and the map now shows that Congressional districts in darker shades of blue have higher number of people who identify as Not Hispanic or Latino with two or more races.
With the release of the 2020 Redistricting Data, you’ll also be able to compare data from the 2010 Redistricting Data as well. To do this return to the main landing page and then click on the ‘Advanced Search’ button again.

From there, click on Surveys and choose the Decennial Census option. Then check the box for Redistricting Data (PL 94-11).
Next, select the geography you wish to view. For this example, let’s choose all counties within the state of Alabama. To do this, go to the ‘Geography’ filter and select ‘County’. Then select ‘Alabama’. In the next filter panel, select ‘All counties within Alabama,’ which is located at the top of the list, and the click on the ‘Search’ button on the bottom right corner of the screen.

There are five tables that will appear in the results page that are available for both 2010 and 2020 (keep in mind the 2020 release includes the additional table, “P5, Group Quarters by Major Group Quarters Type).” For this example search, let’s choose table P3, ‘Race for the Population 18 Years and Over’.
Once we click on the table, it will automatically default to the most recent 2020 data. To toggle between the 2010 and 2020 data, navigate to the ‘Product’ dropdown menu located at the top of the screen above the table. When you click on the downward facing chevron, you have the option of viewing either the 2010 or 2020 Redistricting Data. When you click on the 2010 option, the table will automatically update to show data from 2010. You can toggle between 2010 and 2020 to compare the data directly and can see the changes in the geographies you’ve selected.

In this final example, let me show you a few features that will allow you to customize PL 94-171 data tables in the table view. Click on the US Census Bureau logo in the upper left corner of the screen and click on the Advanced Search button located beneath the Single Search bar.
Click on Surveys and choose the Decennial Census option. Then scroll down and check the box for Redistricting Data (PL 94-171).

Since we only want the tables from 2020, go to the ‘Years’ filter and select ‘2020’ from the list and hit the Search button in the lower right corner of the screen.
You should receive a list of all the available tables in return. Select a table to view. For this example, let’s choose table P4, ‘Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 18 Years and Over’.

Next, click on the ‘Customize Table’ button located at the top right corner of the screen above the table.
This new view, which is called the ‘Customize Table view,’ is where you can access different functionality by clicking on the buttons in the ribbon located above the table. For example, the ‘Customize Table’ view provides another way to add additional filters to the table. You can select any of the Filters that would be present on the Advanced Search page the table will automatically update to reflect the applied filters.

You can also view Table Notes by clicking on the ‘Notes’ button. It can be hidden by clicking on the ‘Notes’ button a second time.
We hope this informational flier provided insight on how to access the new 2020 PL 94-171 Redistricting Data through data.census.gov. For more guidance on using our site, please visit our Resources page at https://www.census.gov/data/what-is-data-census-gov.html.