Freedom of Information Act at the Census Bureau

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Overview

- FOIA at the Census Bureau
- Types of FOIA Requests Received at Census
- Rules and Regulations that Govern the FOIA at the Census Bureau
- Proactive Disclosure Strategies
FOIA
At the Census Bureau
FOIA Hot Seasons
Decennial and Economic Census
Number of FOIA Requests Received by Fiscal Year

- FY 2012: 300
- FY 2013: 250
- FY 2014: 400
- FY 2015: 550
- FY 2016: 450
FOIA Requests
Federal Employee Request
Legal or other authorities:
Title 5, U.S.C., Section 552
Release of Title 13 data

Release of Title 26 data
DAO 205-14
Department of Administrative Order

- Instructions on processing FOIA requests
  - Defines a request
  - Who can legally make a request
  - How requests for information is routed and tracked
  - Roles and Responsibilities of the FOIA Office
  - Proper forms needed from the requester for their request
Proactive Disclosures
FOIA Library

Open Government and FOIA

Events
FOIA Requests
Privacy Act Requests
Open Government

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Age Search and Birth Records
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FOIA Library

The electronic FOIA Library offers a host of information from frequently requested FOIA topics, how to submit a formal FOIA request, to reviewing several of the policies and federal regulations that govern the Census Bureau’s FOIA process. Please search our FOIA Library and provide us feedback on how we are doing fostering a better open government for the nation.

Annual Reports
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office Annual Reports

Policies
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office Policies

Frequently Requested Records
You can access our frequently requested records in this section, which include our disclosure review board meeting minutes.

Custom Tabulations
Here you will find a list of several program areas at the Census Bureau that collect, tabulate, and disseminate data about the nation’s people and economy.

FOIA Logs
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides that any person has the right to request access to federal executive branch agency records or information.

Congressional Correspondence Logs
Congressional Correspondence logs fall under the category of records disclosed in response to a FOIA request

Emergency Preparedness
Prepare for Emergencies, Natural and Man-made Disasters using U.S. Census Bureau's data and statistics
Proactive Disclosure

- Census Blog
- Lunch and Learn Sessions
Questions?

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