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Operations

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This memorandum documents the plan for the Post-Enumeration Survey (PES). The PES is an interrelated set of operational activities intended to allow the Census Bureau to evaluate coverage of the 2020 Census and provide data to improve future censuses. The Census Bureau conducts the PES to measure the coverage of housing units and people residing in housing units in the 2020 Census.

Specifically, this plan describes an overview of the PES and the three operations that make up the PES:

- The Coverage Measurement Design and Estimation operation (CMDE)
- The Coverage Measurement Matching operation (CMM)
- The Coverage Measurement Field Operations (CMFO)

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