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Continued Insights From Our Community-of-the-Whole Approach

Here's an insight to think about that emerged from my travel engagements: Public service can take many forms. We at the U.S. Census Bureau embrace our public service mission to provide quality data on our nation's people, places and economy by collecting and publishing statistical data.

But collecting, processing and then releasing statistical data followed by a 'mic drop' is never enough. We also undertake concerted communications and outreach efforts to help stakeholders and the public understand the availability, strengths and limitations of the data we provide. This further empowers data users to help their communities assess needs and govern, plan, and develop economic and other policies.

All the while, public feedback on our data – what's good, not-so-good and what's missing – is critical to guide the enhancement of our products and to fill gaps to address unmet needs. It's essential to advance the utility of our enormous data assets to public users and potential users. After all, the public pays for our treasure trove of information. It should benefit from it, too.

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Census Bureau Data Highlights Vulnerable Populations Exposed to Hurricane Debby

Hurricane Debby made landfall as a Category 1 (74-95 miles per hour) hurricane in the Big Bend region of Florida at 7 a.m. EDT Monday, August 5, and is currently moving slowly through Florida and Georgia as a tropical storm. Debby has already produced dangerous winds and storm surge, and it is forecasted to produce near-historic levels of rainfall and flash flooding risk as it makes its way through Georgia and the Carolinas. What can we say about the people who are being exposed to these hazards? The Census Bureau's data on the U.S. population puts it in a unique position to analyze the characteristics of the exposed population in close to real-time.

To conduct this analysis, we need timely information on population characteristics in a format that can be easily combined with geospatial information published by the National Hurricane Center. This is made possible by the prototype gridded Environmental Impacts Frame. The Environmental Impacts Frame (EIF) is a confidential microdata infrastructure developed by the U.S. Census Bureau that combines residential and demographic information from administrative records (including data from tax returns, Medicare participation, Census Bureau collected data, and the U.S. Postal Service) and surveys with geospatial information on environmental hazards. As part of this research project, the Census Bureau has developed a privacy-protected gridded dataset that provides information on the population within 0.01 degree grid cells (about 1 km) by race/ethnicity, age, sex and income, using the most up-to-date information available from linked administrative records on individuals' locations.

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2024 Event Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau has posted anticipated release dates for each regular and recurring statistical product scheduled for release in 2024.

Archived Back to Data Basics Webinar Series

If you are looking to improve your data skills, Back to Data Basics is a great opportunity to learn from our experts about how to access and utilize a variety of Census Bureau data products, tools, and resources.

Training Resources

Visit the Census Bureau's Educational Resource Library for previously recorded, free training available at your convenience. The library includes presentations, recorded webinars, tutorials and other helpful materials.

Upcoming Webinars

How the Detailed DHC-B Adaptive Design Determines Data Availability

In this video tutorial, we show you what to expect in data.census.gov when accessing data from the 2020 Census Detailed DHC-B.

Exploring Census Data Webinar Series: Gems of Census Data - Highlights of Key Programs & Data

Thursday, August 22, 2024
Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Join us for the Exploring Census Data webinar series on Gems of Census Data - Highlights of Key Programs and Data. Census Bureau subject matter experts will present information available from multiple sources with crucial statistics for business needs. You will learn about the different business and demographic data available from the Business Dynamics Statistics and the American Community Survey. Explore establishment and firm characteristics to include dynamics such as job creation and destruction, startups, shutdowns and the importance of demographic data.

Upcoming

2020 Modified Age & Race Census File

The U.S. Census Bureau is scheduled to release national and county-level modified age and race data by single-year of age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin from the 2020 Census. Files were created by applying age smoothing to a subset of age data as well as redistributing the "Some Other Race" values from the 2020 Census into the five race categories included in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget1997 revised standards for the collection, tabulation, and presentation of federal data on race and ethnicity. These data will allow for accurate comparisons by race between 2020 Census results, the 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates, and the official population estimates. Visit the Modified Race Data webpage to access modified race data from the 2010 and 2000 Censuses. (Scheduled for release September 5.)

Income in the United States: 2023

The Census Bureau will announce the nation's annual estimates on income, earnings and inequality to evaluate national economic trends and understand their effect on the well-being of households and individuals. These estimates are based on the 2024 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. (Scheduled for release September 10.)

Census Bureau Releases 2020 Census Household Data for Detailed Race and Ethnicity Groups, Tribes and Villages

The U.S. Census Bureau today released 2020 Census counts of households, along with information on household type and tenure (whether the home is owned or rented) for 300 detailed race and ethnicity groups and 1,187 American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages. The 2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File B (Detailed DHC-B) provides household information based on the race or ethnicity of the householder (the first adult in a household for whom census responses were provided).

The Detailed DHC-B data are available for the nation, states, counties, places, census tracts and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas.

Today's data product is the companion product to the Detailed DHC-A, which provided total population and the number of males and females by age for the same detailed groups. The Detailed DHC-A was released in September 2023.

The Detailed DHC-B includes data for the household population only. Group quarters (such as college dormitories, prisons or military barracks) are excluded from this data product.

For more information about what the Detailed DHC-B includes, visit the blog "Understanding the Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File B."

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Hispanic Heritage Month: 2024

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. In 1968, Congress set aside a week for this observance and two decades later expanded it to a month stretching from September 15 to October 15. The timing is historically significant as September 15 is the anniversary of independence in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The designated period is also a nod to those from Mexico and Chile, which celebrate their independence September 16 and September 18, respectively.

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