

2020 Island Areas Censuses

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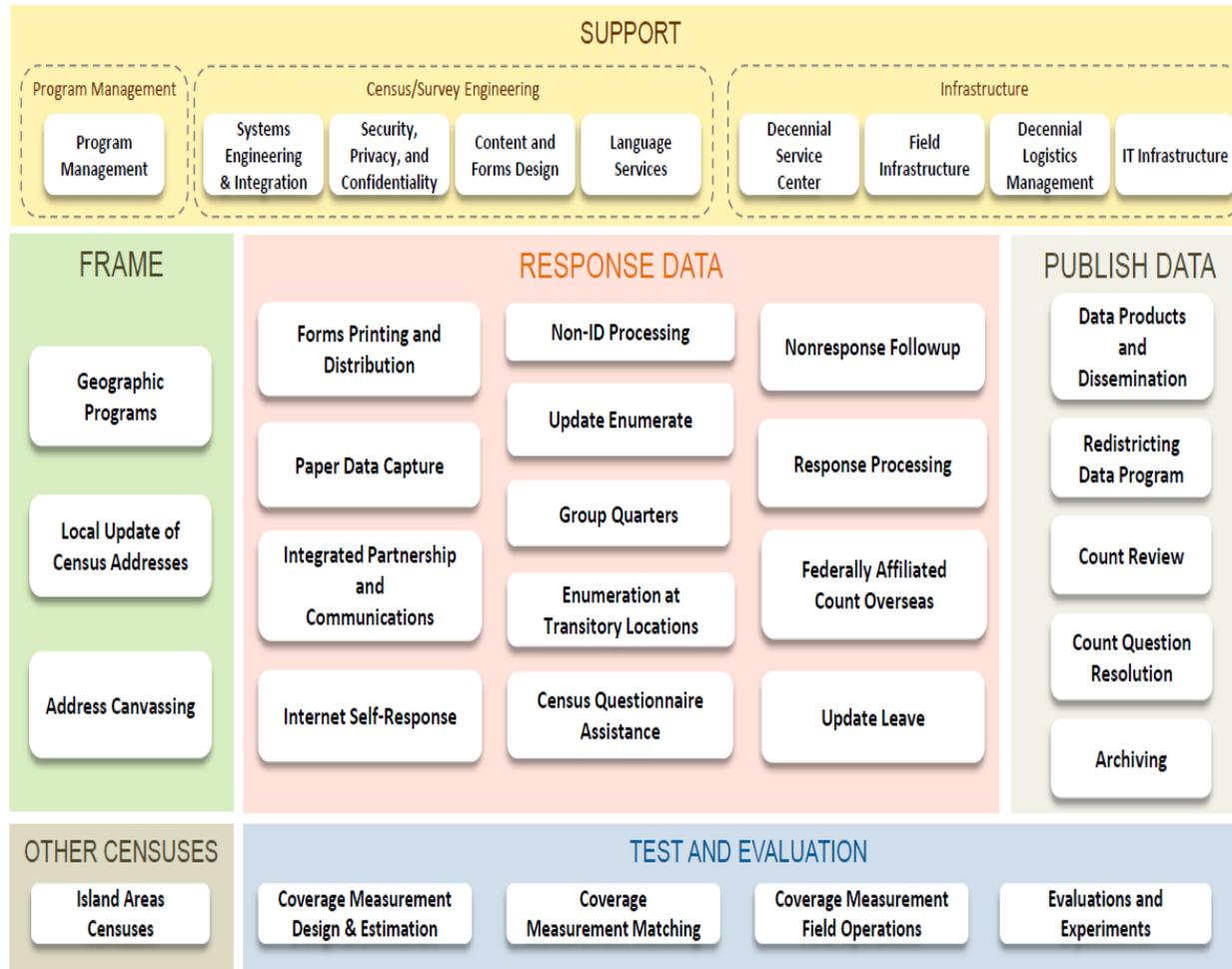
Why We Conduct the Decennial Census in the Island Areas



The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the nation's population be taken every 10 years. Title 13 of the U.S. Code authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (delegated to the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau) to undertake the decennial census.

The geographic scope of the decennial census is specified in Title 13 U.S.C., Section 191 as covering the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands*, and “as may be determined by the Secretary, such other possessions and areas over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty.” The latter authority of the Secretary includes American Samoa.

Island Areas Censuses: One of the 35 Operations of the 2020 Census



Quick Facts

	Total Population	Housing Units
All Island Areas (Combined)	375,192	138,281
American Samoa	55,519	10,963
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	53,883	20,850
Guam	159,385	50,567
U.S. Virgin Islands	106,405	55,901

Source: 2010 Census

Island Areas Censuses & Key Players

- Census Bureau partners with the Island Areas local governments to conduct the 2020 Censuses of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- This partnership is established through a contract agreement between the Census Bureau and the Governor of each Island Area.
- Island Areas governments are responsible for conducting the data collection activities.
- The Census Bureau is responsible for providing the funds, methodology, data collection instruments/materials , IT infrastructure, and on-site Census Advisors for oversight.
- Each Island Area Governor has named a local government agency/entity to carry out the data collection activities.
- Contracts were signed in December 2018, and contract kick-off meetings were held on-site in January 2019.



Types of Data Collected

- The 2020 Island Areas Censuses will collect demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The 2020 Island Areas Censuses questionnaires will align with the American Community Survey questionnaires with some modifications to include input from the Island Areas governments.
- The Census Bureau has worked closely with the local Island Areas governments to finalize the content of the questions to provide the maximum public utility with minimum individual burden.
- The 2020 Census subjects were submitted to Congress in March 2017, and the 2020 Census questions were submitted to Congress in March 2018. Correspondences were sent to the Congressional Delegates of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Types of Data Collected (continued)

2020 Subjects	Social Subjects	Economic Subjects	Housing Subjects
Operational	Ancestry	Commuting	Acreage & Agricultural Sales
Age	Disability	Health Insurance	Computer & Internet Use
Gender	Fertility	Income	Home Heating Fuel
Race/Ethnicity	Grandparent Caregivers	Industry, Occupation, & Class of Worker	Home Value & Rent
Relationship	Language Spoken at Home	Labor Force Status	Plumbing Facilities, Kitchen Facilities, & Telephone Service
Tenure	Marital Status & Marital History	Work Status Last Year	Selected Monthly Owner Costs
	Migration / Residence Five Years Ago		Sewage Disposal
	Parent's Place of Birth		SNAP
	Place of Birth & Year of Entry		Source of Water
	Reason for Migration		Units in Structure, Rooms, & Bedrooms
	School Enrollment, Educational Attainment, & Undergraduate Field of Degree		Vehicles Available
	Veteran Status, Period of Service, & VA Service-Connected Disability Rating		Year Built & Year Moved In

Legend: **Island Areas Censuses Only**

Island Areas Censuses Key Activities

Activity	Start	Finish
Deploy Island Areas Census Advisors	09/10/2019	09/13/2019
Open Census Offices	10/02/2019	10/24/2019
Hire Staff	10/02/2019	02/21/2020
Conduct Staff Training	10/03/2019	02/28/2020
Conduct Address Listing	02/03/2020	02/28/2020
Conduct Housing Unit Enumeration	03/02/2020	05/29/2020
Conduct Special Enumeration	03/02/2020	05/01/2020
Conduct Field Followup	04/15/2020	06/30/2020
Conduct Closeout Activities	07/01/2020	09/30/2020

Questions?