

Redistricting Update

The Data Stewardship Executive Policy Committee (DSEP) of the U.S Census Bureau (USCB) has published their methodology for the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS) for the 2020 Census redistricting data. The DAS uses a mathematical algorithm to ensure privacy of individuals while generating census results. Additional information about this methodology can be found [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

The USCB has published the following schedule for preparing and releasing 2020 Census Redistricting Data:

Date	Deliverable
June 9	DSEP selects DAS parameters for redistricting data based on results of experimental runs and data user feedback.
Mid-June	DAS development team implements parameters set by DSEP into algorithm for application to redistricting data product.
Late June	Data production run and quality control analysis begins.
By August 16	USCB to provide a legacy format summary redistricting data file to all states.
September	USCB will release a “production ready” sixth and final set of data and quality metrics that will produce the official 2020 Census redistricting data product.
By September 30	USCB will release the 2020 Census Redistricting Data P.L. 94-171 Summary File.

Collections for the 2020 Census concluded on October 15, 2020. As a result of the late collection deadline, the redistricting data that is used to draw congressional, state, and local districts will not be distributed to states until August 16, 2021 and will be provided in an untabulated format. The Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office will be able to provide tabulated redistricting data to counties in September and the USCB is expected to release all tabulated 2020 Census redistricting data by September 30, 2021. In the meantime, the Reapportionment Office has posted several redistricting resources on their website at <https://www.legis.ga.gov/joint-office/reapportionment>.

The House and Senate Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Committees are holding a series of joint town hall hearings across the state in June and July to hear and receive input from residents regarding the state’s redistricting process. The hearing schedule as well as links to live and archived meetings are available [here](#).

ACCG will be hosting a Local Redistricting Webinar on July 21, 2021 for county commissioners and staff. This webinar features Gina Wright, Executive Director of the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office and will focus on the changes made to state law in 2019 that altered the local redistricting process. The information provided through this webinar should help counties to start preparing for the release of redistricting data in September. Registration for the webinar is available at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IV54NZMwRpONkFlrHa373g.

ACCG will also be hosting a series of Regional Meetings in September and October that focus on LOST renegotiations and redistricting. These meetings will provide information about the redistricting process and new required steps, how this redistricting cycle differs from previous cycles, and best practices in working with state offices and officials involved in the redistricting process. Registration for these meetings will be available in mid-July.

For more information on the 2020 Census and redistricting, please visit the ACCG website at http://www.accg.org/2020_census.php.