#### THE ROAD TO THE 2020 CENSUS: FOCUS ON FLORIDA

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The Atlanta Region

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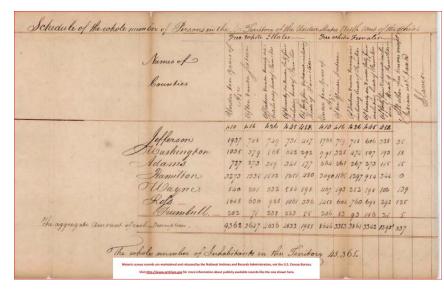
# **America's Census**

# The U.S. Constitution and Decennial Census

- Conducted every 10 years since **1790**, as required by the U.S. Constitution. Article I, Section 2. "Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers . . .
- The 1790 counted 3.9 million inhabitants.
- U.S. marshals conducted the enumerations between 1790 and 1870.
- Specially trained enumerators carried out the census beginning in 1880.









#### Local Government Involvement is Key to Census Success

- The efforts of local governments contributed to the success of the 2010 Census in all areas:
  - Local Update of Census Address (LUCA) Program
  - **Recruiting** for census workers
  - Formation of **Complete Count Committees**
  - Field operations from Address Canvassing to Non Response Follow Up





# Why local communities have a vested interest in the Census

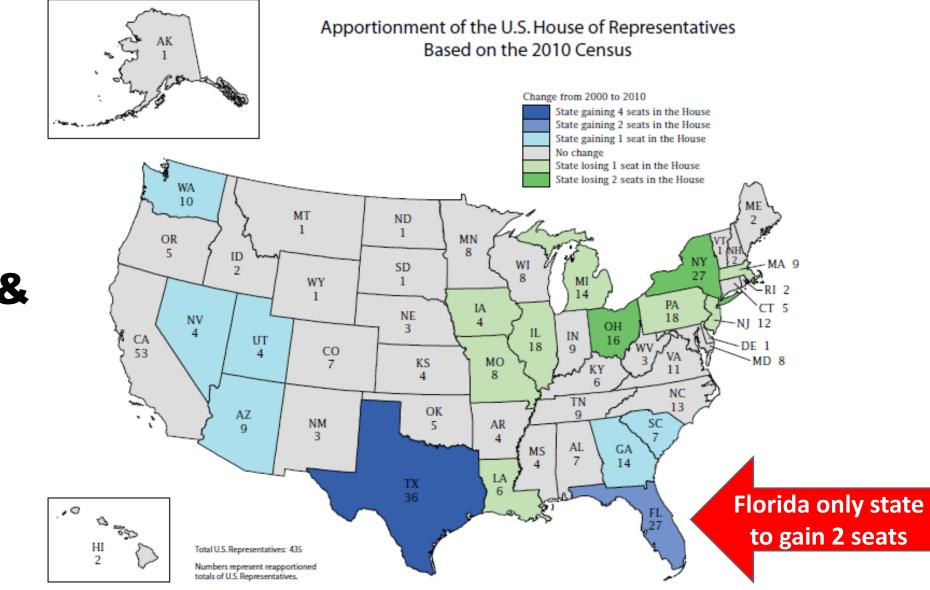
#### Political Power

- Census is constitutionally mandated for re-apportionment of Congress
- Census results are used for Redistricting at national, state, and local levels.

#### Money/Economic Impact

- \$400 Billion/year is distributed using Census numbers (\$4 Trillion over the decade) in 2010
- \$675 Billion/year (\$7 Trillion over the decade) for 2020





#### 2010 Winners & Losers



### **Census counts determine funding for:**

- Children's Health Insurance
- Medicaid
- Special Education
- Head Start
- WIC
- Title I School Funding
- Foster Care Support

- School Nutrition
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Highways
- Hospitals
- Fire Departments









#### The 2020 Census is DIFFERENT





#### Optimizing Self-Response for 2020 Census

- We are making it easier than ever before for people to respond to the Census
- In previous censuses, the primary method of responding to the census was to receive a questionnaire in the mail...complete it and mail it back
- HOWEVER, for the 2020 Census, the INTERNET will be the primary method for households to self respond



# Optimizing Self-Response for 2020 Census

- Secondary ways of responding to the 2020 Census
  - Toll-free number
    - At any time, people can call our Census Questionnaire Assistance centers and get help completing their Census on the Internet...OR
    - Households can complete their Census with one of our staff over the phone
  - Traditional questionnaire (can be requested via the toll-free number)
  - Non Response Follow Up operation
    - Enumerators visit the household to conduct the interview



never asks for your full Social Security number

<u>It is important</u> <u>to note that</u> <u>the Census</u> Bureau:

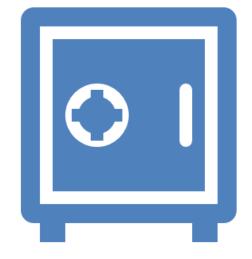
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never sends requests on behalf of a political party

never requests PIN codes, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts

## Privacy and Confidentiality

- Under Title 13, U.S. Code, all Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent data. It is a felony for any Census Bureau employee to disclose any confidential census information during or after employment, and the penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000.
- We protect information by taking precautions in how we collect, analyze and disseminate information. The Census Bureau has strong program to protect information as they collect, process and store it in secure IT systems.
- The Census Bureau encrypts information, limits access, and actively monitors systems to make sure information stays secure.





### Impediments to a Successful Enumeration



#### **Some HTC Indicators**

CHALLENGES AHEAD

- Persons at or below poverty
- Persons receiving public assistance, disability, or SSI
- Concentrations of minority groups, migrant workers, immigrants, linguistically isolated communities
- Areas with high concentrations of low educational attainment (no high school diploma)
- Rural Areas
- Single parents
- Children under the age of 5

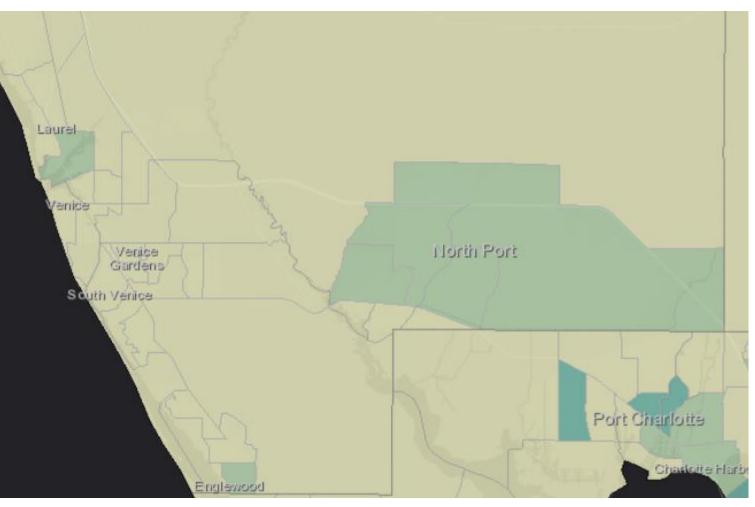


#### SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY

LOW RESPONSE SCORE AREAS

Darker shaded areas mean a higher lower response (est.)





# Our Outreach Strategy



# **Complete Count Committees (CCC)**

- A CCC is a group of "trusted voices" in the community appointed by the highest elected official, to develop activities to raise census awareness among community households and urging them to complete the census accurately and timely.
- Opportunity to "tailor" the Census outreach and messaging to most effectively influence communities throughout your county





#### **Complete Count Committees**

 The CCC should reflect all segments of the community. Some of the subcommittees include: government; business; education; faith-based; community-based organizations; recruitment and workforce development agencies; homeless; Hispanic; and other unique populations.





### **Community CCCs**

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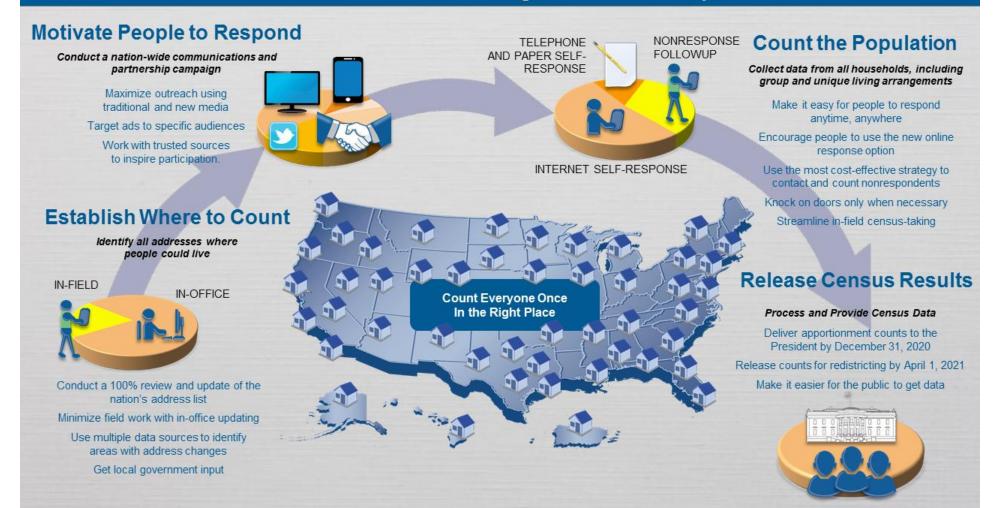
 A group of community leaders in extreme hard to enumerate rural and urban communities that collaborate for the purpose of creating a census awareness campaign targeted to specific census tracts or concentrated populations that raise census awareness within these groups and encourages them to participate in the census.





#### **2020 Census Design**

#### The 2020 Census: A New Design for the 21st Century





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#### **Questions, Observations, Concerns**



