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Dear Ms. Danahy:

This letter is in further response to your correspondence, dated October 21, 2019 to the U.S. Census Bureau's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office. We received your request in this office on October 21, 2019 and have assigned to it tracking number DOC-CEN-2020-000115. You narrowed your search on November 14, 2019. We are responding under the FOIA to your request for:

**Item 1:** All written communications, sent or received from June 27, 2019 to the present, between any Census Bureau employee and any employee of a state or local government entity, containing any of the following terms: "citizenship," "citizen," "citizens," "CVAP," "driver," "drivers," "driver's," "motor vehicle," "motor vehicles," "DMV," "DL," "ID," "Driver License Administrative Data," "Identification Cards," "administrative record," "administrative records," "administrative data," "AR," "ARs," "AD," "Ad Rec," "Ad Recs," "AdRec," "AdRecs," "Ad Data," "AdData," "Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act," "FDPPA," "Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program," or "SAVE."

**Item 2:** All written communications, sent or received from June 27, 2019 to the present, between any Census Bureau employee and any employee of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

**Item 3:** From June 27, 2019 to the present, all written agreements or memoranda of understanding between the Census Bureau and any state or local government entity concerning administrative records. This item includes any documents modifying or updating pre-existing agreements or MOUs regarding state or local administrative records.



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**Item 4:** All written communications or memoranda, sent or received by Census Bureau employees from June 27, 2019 to the present, containing both (a) the term "citizenship," "citizen," "citizens," or "CVAP," and (b) the term "driver," "drivers," "driver's," "motor vehicle," "motor vehicles," "DMV," "DL," "ID," "Driver License Administrative Data," "Identification Cards," "administrative record," "administrative records," "administrative data," "AR," "ARs," "AD," "Ad Rec," "Ad Recs," "AdRec," "AdRecs," "Ad Data," "AdData," "Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act," "FDPPA," "Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program," or "SAVE."

Custodians to be searched include Steven Dillingham, Ron Jarmin, Enrique Lamas, Albert E. Fontenot Jr., John Abowd, Victoria Velkoff, John Eltinge, Michael Berning, and Kevin Deardorff,

By letter dated March 2, 2020, we informed you that the U.S. Census Bureau had provided over 50 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements (869 pages) made up of Federal and State MOU agreements. As we identify and review any additional responsive documents, we will post to the FOIA Public Reading Room on a rolling basis.

By letter dated October 16, 2020, we sent you a response communication informing you that we had processed additional responsive records. We sent you 105 additional pages of responsive to your request. We withheld portions of the documents pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(5) and (b)(6) (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6)). FOIA Exemption (b)(5) exempts from disclosure information that, as here, is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature. FOIA Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure information about individuals, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

By letter dated August 26, 2020, you wrote to us disputing certain exemptions and redactions applied to our August 13, 2020 response with an enclosure of 15 pages partially redacted. After reviewing your concerns, we amended our determinations and provided you two revised versions of the responsive documents (15 pages) with partial withholdings. Therefore, we requested that you please discard the original production with the latest production sent on October 27, 2020.

By letter dated June 1, 2020 we provided you 59 records (254 pages) that are responsive to your request, with withholding determinations noted. We withheld portions of the documents pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6) (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6)). FOIA Exemption (b)(4) Exemption 4 of the FOIA protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential FOIA Exemption (b)(5) exempts from disclosure information that, as here, is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature.



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Enclosed are 28 records (87 pages) responsive to your request, with withholding determinations noted. We withheld portions of the documents pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6) (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6)). FOIA Exemption (b)(4) Exemption 4 of the FOIA protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential FOIA Exemption (b)(5) exempts from disclosure information that, as here, is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature. FOIA Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure information about individuals, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We will continue to process your request and provide any additional responsive records identified on a rolling basis. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Hawkins or Deloris Reed of my staff by telephone at (301) 763-2127 or by e-mail [census.efoia@census.gov](mailto:census.efoia@census.gov).

Sincerely,

*Vernon Curry*

Vernon E. Curry, PMP, CIPP/G  
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March 10, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. Ron S. Jarmin  
Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer

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Dr. John M. Abowd  
Associate Director for Research and Methodology  
and Chief Scientist

Consulted with: Jason Devine, Christa Jones, Enrique Lamas, V. Thomas Mule,  
Matthew Spence, Deborah Stempowski

Subject: Estimating the Undocumented Population by State for Use in  
Apportionment

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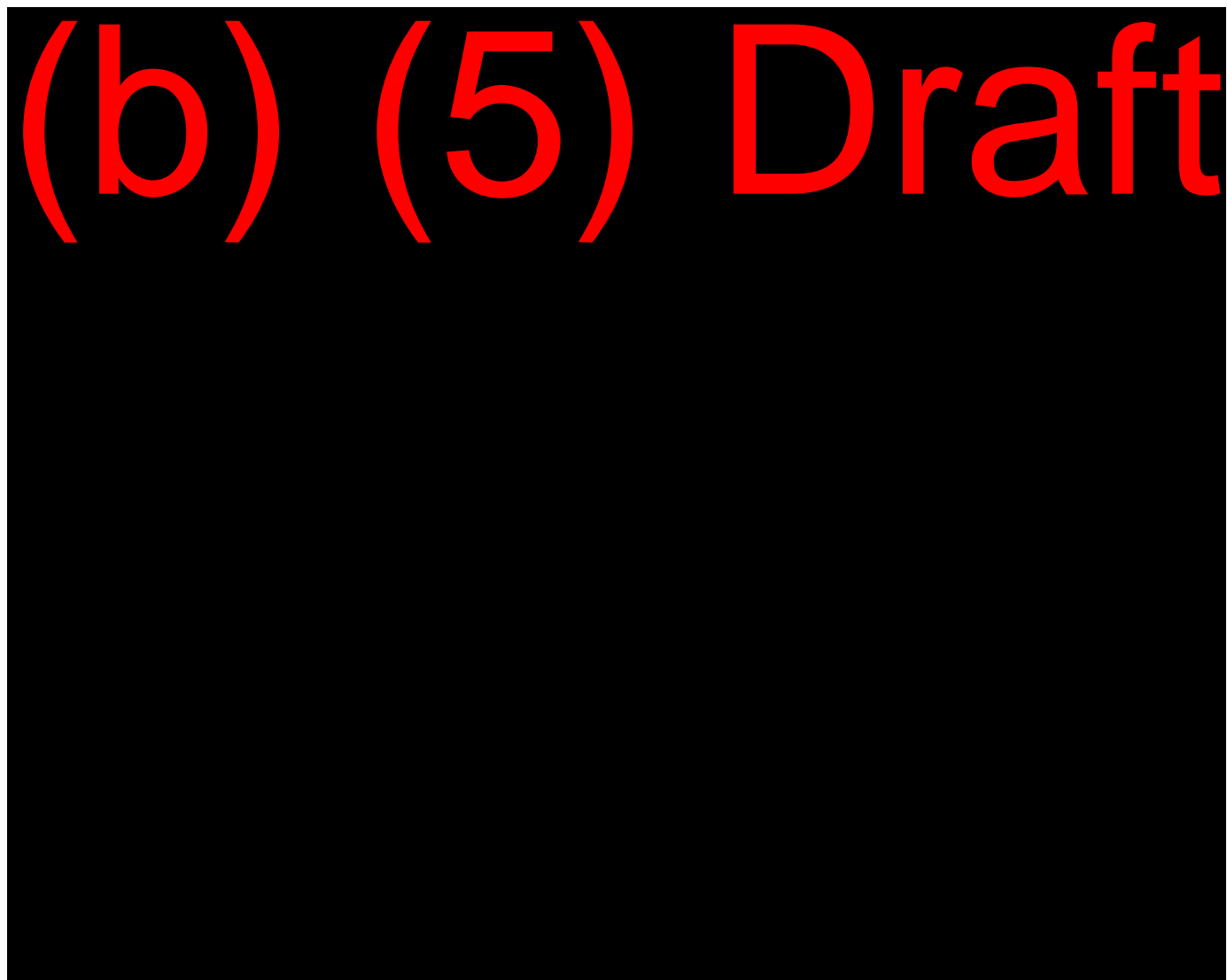




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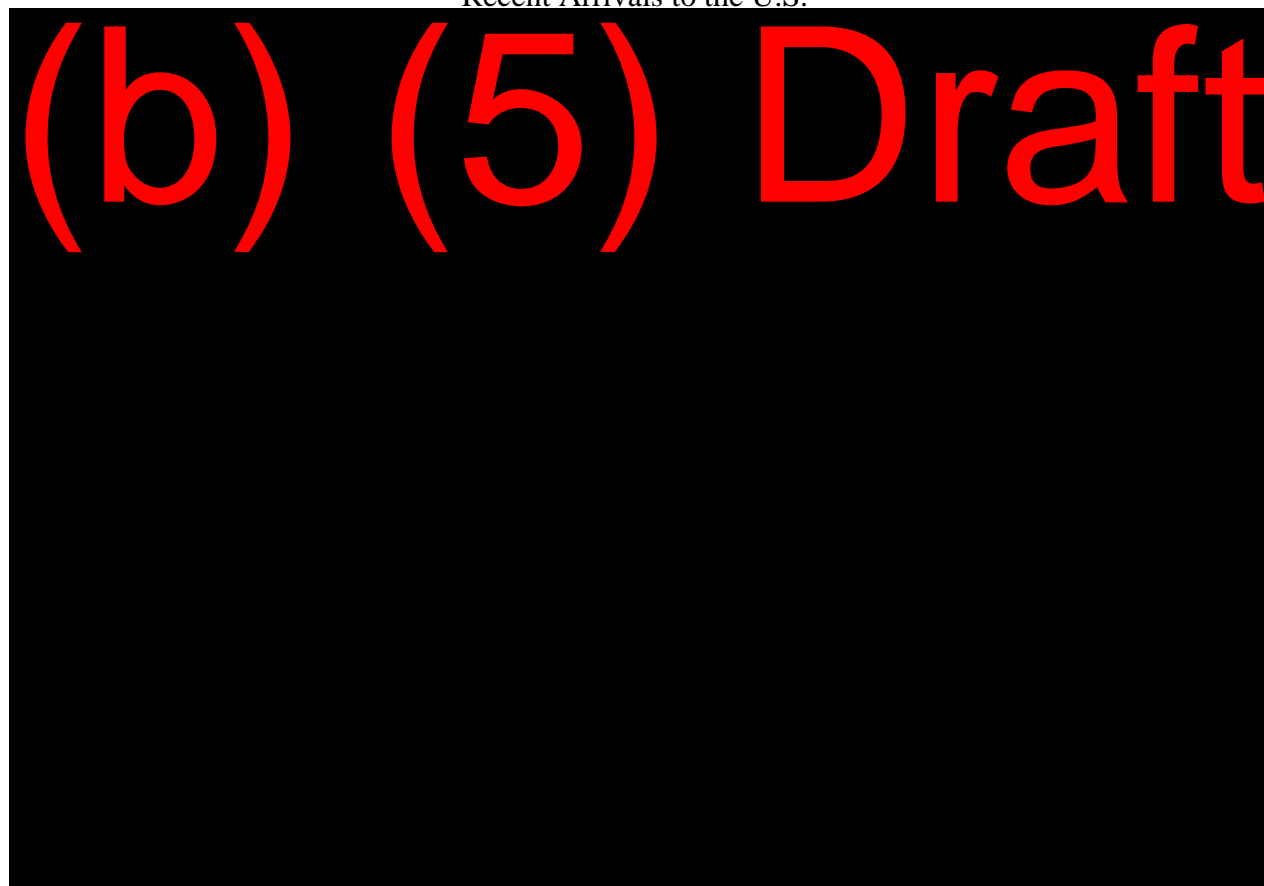


## References

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Appendix A: Three Estimates of the Annual Emigration Rate Among Male Mexican-Born  
Recent Arrivals to the U.S.



Appendix B: 2010 Census and Administrative  
Records Match Ratios By State

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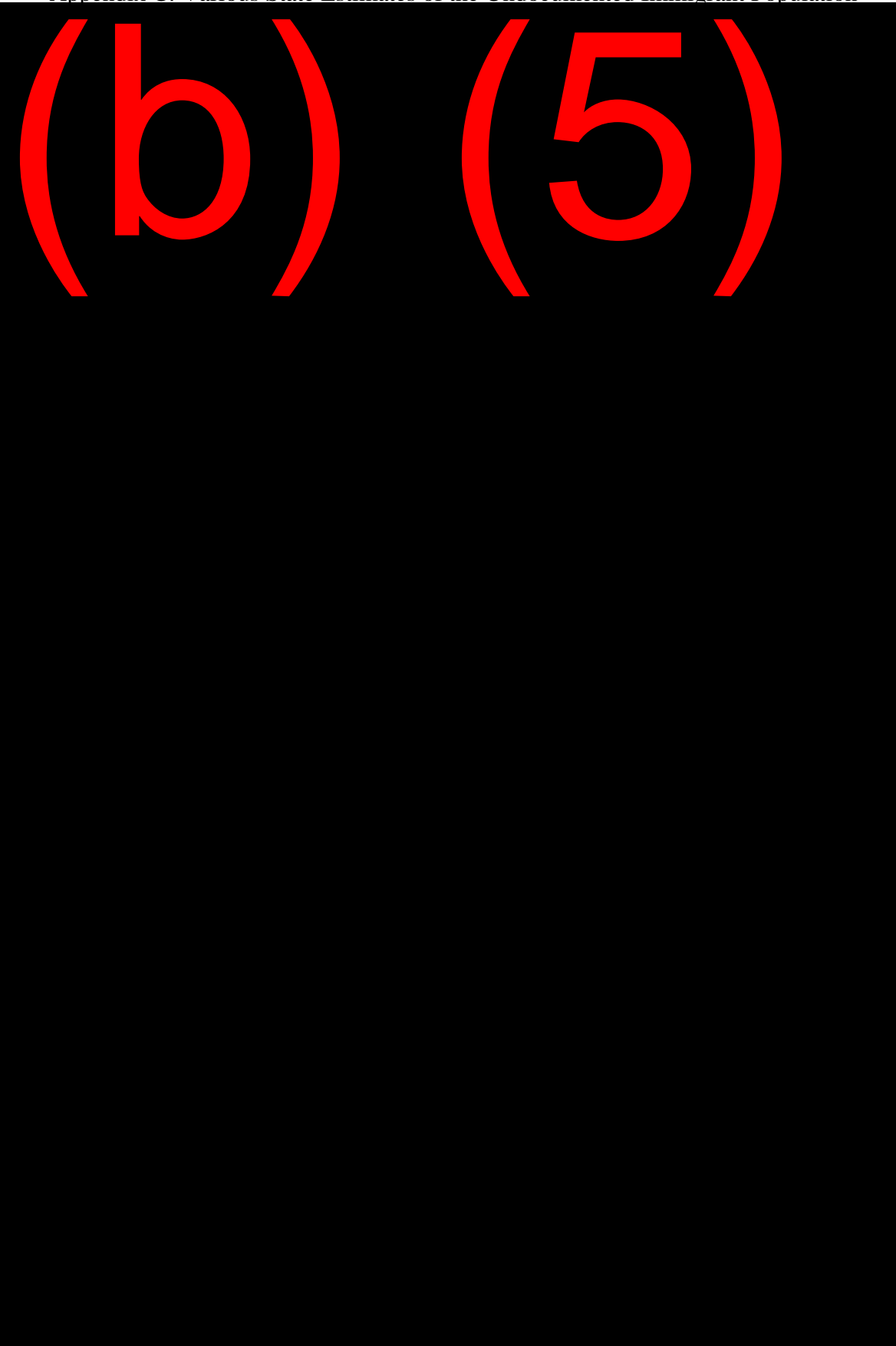


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Appendix C: Various State Estimates of the Undocumented Immigrant Population

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**Subject:** DRAFT Talking Points  
**Date:** Friday, October 18, 2019 4:22:57 PM

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DRAFT Talking Points on Acquiring State Drivers License Records

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**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2019 8:11:01 PM

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Ron asked us to work some wording re state drivers license file requests that we could use for TPs/answers/etc. and to share it with you.

This is the draft language. Let us know if you have questions or additional thoughts.

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**To:** [Joey Morales \(CENSUS/ERD FED\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Epaphrodite Uwimana \(CENSUS/ERD FED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Drivers License Data  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:53:09 PM

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Joey,

The Director's office passed the following contact info to us for a company that might sell drivers license data. Could you please do some basic market research to see if it would be possible to do a contract (after compete) to purchase all 50 states drivers license data with personal identifiers and address information and citizenship status if available.

Rick Stuckey

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Thanks Joey

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**Subject:** Driver's License Request Story  
**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2019 10:04:15 AM

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Good morning Michael,

Thanks for the heads up. During my week away, I received a voice mail message at 4:14 p.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2019 from John (could not make out last name) of the Arkansas Democrat Gazett requesting additional information. Shall I forward that call to you?

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**Subject:** Fwd: Driver's License Request Story

Heads up, Karen! An email you sent to the state of Florida is in this story.

Please let me know if you start getting calls/emails from the public/media.

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**Subject:** Driver's License Request Story

As requested.

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/census-drivers-license-request->

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## Census Bureau Seeks Driver's License Data, Including Citizenship And Eye Color - huffpost.com

HuffPost obtained a draft memorandum the Census Bureau submitted to multiple states that would govern the sharing of driver's license records. The document outlines a request for

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**Subject:** ESO Monitoring - Capitol News Illinois: U.S. Census Bureau seeking citizenship data from driver's licenses  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8:31:04 AM

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Good morning,

Our monitoring team wanted to bring the following article to your attention. Capitol News Illinois, a statewide nonprofit news service, [reported](#) that the Illinois Secretary of State's office rejected a request from the Census Bureau's "Data Acquisition Branch" on September 17 to gather data about noncitizens through driver's license information in Illinois.

The story mentioned an email distributed yesterday by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators that "the Census Bureau has been seeking driver and identity card information — including the name, address, date of birth, sex, race, eye color and citizenship status." It also featured a quote from the association's president and CEO, who stated that "she had received 'several' inquiries from motor vehicle administrators around the country regarding the Census Bureau's data request."

Here's the full text of the article:

[U.S. Census Bureau seeking citizenship data from driver's licenses](#)

Capitol News Illinois – Peter Hancock, September 23

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's office confirmed Monday it denied what appears to be the federal government's latest attempt to gather data about noncitizens living in the United States, this time through driver's license information.

White's spokesman, Dave Drucker, said during a phone interview Monday with Capitol News Illinois that the agency received the request from the U.S. Census Bureau's Data Acquisition Branch on Sept. 17, and promptly denied the request.

According to an email distributed Monday by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and obtained by Capitol News Illinois, the Census Bureau has been seeking driver and identity card information — including the name, address, date of birth, sex, race, eye color and citizenship status.

Anne S. Ferro, president and CEO of the association, said in the email that she had received "several" inquiries from motor vehicle administrators around the country regarding the Census Bureau's data request.

"I recommend that you discuss this request with your agency's or state's privacy officer before responding," Ferro said in the email.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Commerce, which oversees the Census Bureau, proposed adding a question to the 2020 census asking whether or not each household member is a U.S. citizen, but that effort was ultimately blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Drucker also said that White, a Democrat, expressed public opposition to adding a citizenship question. White's office also has a longstanding policy, which the secretary of state has proposed codifying into law, of not giving federal agencies full access to the state's database of driver's license and ID card information.

Illinois does not record a person's race or citizenship status on driver's license applications, although it does require a Social Security number. The state also issues what are known as "temporary visitor's licenses" to people who have lived in the state for at least a year but do not qualify for a Social Security number or cannot provide documentation of legal residency from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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**Subject:** ESO Monitoring - NPR: To Produce Citizenship Data, Homeland Security To Share Records With Census  
**Date:** Saturday, January 04, 2020 2:09:51 PM

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Good afternoon,

NPR's Hansi Lo Wang reported on a recent data-sharing agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and the Census Bureau to "help the Census Bureau produce data about the U.S. citizenship status of every person living in the country." The story noted that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will share personal information about naturalized U.S. citizens and green card holders from records going back to as early as 1973. Other records included in the agreement include data from the Customs and Border Protection and Immigration Customs Enforcement regarding noncitizens' full names, birth dates, addresses, Social Security numbers, alien registration numbers, and travel histories of visitors to the U.S., including those who have overstayed their visas.

The story noted that the Census Bureau "has not responded to NPR's questions about whether it's planning to produce a count of unauthorized immigrants in response to the executive order" and, along with the Department of Homeland Security's office of public affairs, "not responded to NPR's questions about when the new data-sharing agreement was signed and if any data have been transferred yet."

On social media, Hansi has [tweeted](#) 15 times on this topic since this article was posted about an hour ago.

#### [To Produce Citizenship Data, Homeland Security To Share Records With Census](#)

NPR – Hansi Lo Wang, January 4

The Department of Homeland Security has agreed to share certain government records from its databases to help the Census Bureau produce data about the U.S. citizenship status of every person living in the country.

DHS quietly announced the data-sharing agreement in a regulatory document posted on its website on Dec. 27. It marks the latest development in the Trump administration's ongoing effort to carry out the executive order President Trump issued in July after courts blocked the administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year to keep the citizenship question off, President Trump said in the executive order that releasing citizenship data based on existing records would allow states to redraw voting districts using the number of eligible voters rather than all residents in an area — a method of redistricting that a prominent GOP strategist concluded would politically benefit Republicans and non-Hispanic white people.

According to the DHS document, which was first reported by Federal Computer Week, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is sharing personal information about naturalized U.S. citizens and green card holders from records going back to as early as 1973.

More recent records dating to 2013 from Customs and Border Protection, as well as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, will provide the Census Bureau with data such as noncitizens' full names, birth dates, addresses, Social Security numbers and alien registration numbers. CBP is also sharing the travel histories of visitors to the U.S., including those who have overstayed their visas.

Federal law restricts the release of immigration records about survivors of human trafficking and of certain other crimes who have applied for special visas, as well as survivors of domestic abuse who have applied for immigration benefits under the Violence Against Women Act. Still, USCIS has asked for permission to release to the Census Bureau data about refugees and asylum-seekers, whose records generally cannot be shared without their consent or a waiver signed by the Homeland Security secretary.

The bureau plans to use the data it does receive to try to match the DHS records with those from other agencies about the same person. Each individual's records would then be used in a statistical model designed to produce anonymized estimates of U.S. citizens and noncitizens living in the country.

It is unclear, however, whether this process will be able to accurately determine the citizenship status of individuals. "No one source of citizenship information is complete and up-to-date," the DHS document — known as a privacy impact assessment — warns, while noting that misidentified individuals would receive "no adverse impact" because the efforts are only for "statistical purposes."

Still, Latinx community groups represented by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC are currently suing the administration, arguing that its data efforts are part of a conspiracy to stop Latinx communities, noncitizens and other immigrants from receiving fair political representation.

Meanwhile, the administration has spent months trying to amass citizenship records from other federal agencies, including the State Department and the Social Security Administration, plus states. In November, Nebraska became the first state to agree to share its driver's license records with the Census Bureau.

The data DHS provides "will not be used to make programmatic or administrative enforcement decisions," according to the document the department released last week.

Instead, the document says DHS is providing the records as required by Trump's executive order to help determine numbers of three specific groups: "citizens, lawfully present non-citizens, and unauthorized immigrants in the United States during the decennial census."

While Trump's order does reference a need for a "more reliable" count of unauthorized immigrants

to better inform public policy about immigration and eligibility for public benefits, the Census Bureau has not publicly acknowledged any plans to create such an estimate.

During public meetings in September, the Census Bureau's chief scientist, John Abowd, confirmed that the executive order — along with a filing to the White House's Office of Management and Budget, which reviews all federal government efforts to collect information — "commit" the bureau to releasing citizenship data by the end of March 2021, in time for the next round of redistricting.

The bureau's public information office has not responded to NPR's questions about whether it's planning to produce a count of unauthorized immigrants in response to the executive order.

The bureau is currently fighting off a lawsuit by the state of Alabama and Rep. Mo Brooks, a Republican from that state, which is arguing in court to get unauthorized immigrants excluded from census numbers used to determine the distribution of congressional seats among the states.

Both the bureau and the Department of Homeland Security's office of public affairs have also not responded to NPR's questions about when the new data-sharing agreement was signed and if any data have been transferred yet.

Plans for DHS to share data with the bureau through this agreement have been in negotiations since early 2018, when the bureau officials began scrambling to respond to the Trump administration's last-minute request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Census Bureau officials have long advocated for the administration to rely on existing government records as a way to produce citizenship information that the bureau's researchers say is more accurate and less expensive than collecting self-reported responses to a census question. In 2018, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who oversees the Census Bureau, approved both adding the question to census forms and directed the bureau to request records from other agencies and state governments.

Still, the DHS document lays out a number of risks involved with sharing data with the bureau, including a concern that doing so is "not compatible with the original purpose" of DHS agencies collecting the information. It also flags the risk that the people whose information DHS is sharing with the Census Bureau may not want that to occur.

The document says, however, these risks "cannot be mitigated" and that Trump's executive order requires DHS to comply with the bureau's data requests.

Some privacy advocates have raised their own concerns about the potential misuse of data, especially at a time of increased immigration enforcement. Using the information to try to identify noncitizens "implicates fundamental due process rights and will impact both citizens and non-citizens," wrote Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, in a July letter to leaders of the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

On top of those concerns, it's not clear exactly how accurate the data produced using the existing

records will be. The DHS document acknowledges it is "notoriously difficult" to use data to determine a person's current immigration status because "individuals can have multiple immigration statuses through their lifetime."

"Because DHS is providing information at a point in time," the document says, "it is reasonable to believe that eventually data accuracy issues may arise."

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**Subject:** ESO Monitoring: Drivers License Coverage Report  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 1:08:52 PM

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Good afternoon,

We wanted to pass along a brief update on coverage related to the Census Bureau and driver's license information. Since our last update yesterday, October 22, there have been two unique articles in two states that covered the Census Bureau's request for drivers license information.

In Massachusetts, the [Boston Globe](#) mentioned the request in an article about community census outreach in Rhode Island. The article notes state officials have not received such a request from the Census Bureau, but quotes the executive director of Common Cause Rhode Island, who said, "The Constitution is crystal clear that the census is to count every resident of the United States, regardless of their citizenship status. Any attempt to discourage participation by non-citizens is an affront to that constitutional purpose." The article is behind a paywall; the full text is included below for your convenience.

In Texas, KPRC, a local [NBC affiliate](#), reported that the Texas Department of Public Safety is reviewing the request but has yet to respond. The piece did not refer to the Census Bureau's October 15 statement, but included a quote from former Census Bureau director Steven Murdock, who stressed the importance of collecting accurate population data. Murdock's comments do not directly reference driver's license information, but he has been quoted on the issue of the citizenship question frequently. The article states, "Murdock is among those who believe the citizenship question will deter non-citizens from answering surveys, or in this case, applying for a driver's license." A local Houston radio station, iHeart Radio's [KTRH](#), is running a poll on its [Twitter](#) page asking followers if they support Texas providing drivers license data to the Census Bureau. The poll is so far receiving minimal engagement with only 25 votes, but is open for the next 17 hours. It also appears at the bottom of the [KPRC](#) article.

Team Y&R will continue to monitor for additional coverage.

Thanks,

Beth

#### [For census, R.I. is hardest state to count in New England](#)

Boston Globe [MA] – Edward Fitzpatrick, October 22

PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island is the hardest state in New England in which to get a full, accurate count of the population, according to US Census Bureau standards.

The Census Bureau designates a geographic area as "hard-to-count" if its self-response rate in the 2010 census was 73 percent or lower. By that standard, 24 percent of Rhode Islanders live in "hard-to-count" neighborhoods — the highest percentage of any state in New England (followed by Massachusetts at 23 percent ) and the 12th highest in the nation, according to Common Cause Rhode Island data.

So the Rhode Island Census 2020 Fund is making \$425,000 available in small grants to local groups to bolster efforts in hard-to-count communities.

"Rhode Island cannot afford an undercount in the 2020 census," said Jessica David, the Rhode Island Foundation's executive vice president of strategy and community investments.

For one thing, she said, Rhode Island relies on the census count for \$3.8 billion a year in federal funding, and the state could very well lose one of its two seats in the House of Representatives after the next census.

“We are very concerned,” said David, a member of the Rhode Island Complete Count Committee. “Obviously, we have communities that are vulnerable to being undercounted.”

For example, the state contains groups of people who are often hard to count — including both documented and undocumented immigrants, refugees, English language learners, younger children, people of color, homeless people, homebound older residents, and college students, she said.

“So we definitely need to get in touch with all of these communities and tell them why it matters,” David said.

To boost that effort, the Rhode Island Census 2020 Fund is making grants of between \$1,000 and \$25,000 available to Rhode Island-based nonprofits, municipal governments, public agencies such as libraries and schools, houses of worship, and community-based organizations. The grants must support activities that raise awareness about the census, and must focus on a specific demographic community or geographic area at risk of undercounting.

This time around, the attempt to reach hard-to-count communities is complicated by the Trump administration’s failed attempt to include a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

Also, the Associated Press recently reported that the Census Bureau is asking states for drivers’ license records that typically include citizenship data. State officials say Rhode Island has not received such a request from the Census Bureau.

But John M. Marion, executive director of Common Cause Rhode Island, emphasized that, “The Constitution is crystal clear that the census is to count every resident of the United States, regardless of their citizenship status. Any attempt to discourage participation by non-citizens is an affront to that constitutional purpose.”

David said, “We know the citizenship question is not on the census questionnaire, which is good news, but there is still a culture of distrust and fear, which we understand.”

The Census Bureau is prohibited from sharing individual census information with other federal agencies, she noted. “We try to convince people that the information will not be used for ill, and we say the census is important for everyone — it affects money for local schools, libraries, roads and bridges.”

In the 2010 census, the municipalities in Rhode Island with the lowest self-response rates were Central Falls (60 percent), Providence (62 percent), Pawtucket (66 percent), Little Compton (69 percent), Woonsocket (69 percent), and Newport (70 percent), according to Common Cause data.

Marion, a member of the Rhode Island Complete Count Committee, noted the state’s “hard-to-count” areas include not just urban core neighborhoods but also places such as Kingston, home to the University of Rhode Island — which underscores the difficulty in getting college students to respond to census surveys.

A total of \$1.2 million is available to encourage 2020 census participation in Rhode Island. The state budgeted \$500,000, the federal government added \$200,000, and private donors are providing \$500,000 for the Rhode Island Census Fund, which is being administered by the Rhode Island Foundation.

“To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time there has been a community-based effort to encourage census participation in Rhode Island,” Marion said. “In the past, we have relied solely on the Census Bureau.”

Other states have invested big bucks in bolstering their census counts, he said, noting California is spending \$187 million on census outreach.

“For Rhode Islanders, millions of dollars of federal money and political representation for their communities hang in the balance,” Marion said. “It is imperative we make sure every Rhode Islander participates in the census.”

Those interested in the Census 2020 Outreach Grants may attend an information session from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Nonviolence Institute, 265 Oxford St., Providence. Registration information is available at [rifoundation.org/censusgrants](http://rifoundation.org/censusgrants).



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Good afternoon,

The Associated Press [reported](#) on a motion filed yesterday by the Trump administration to dismiss a lawsuit filed by MALDEF and Asian Americans Advancing Justice because the “president has the right to order the U.S. Census Bureau to collect administrative records on citizenship.” The story mentioned the Census Bureau’s requests to states for drivers’ license records to comply with the president’s executive order.

[Attorneys argue Trump has right to collect citizenship info](#)

The Associated Press – Mike Schneider, December 19

Attorneys for the Trump administration say the president has the right to order the U.S. Census Bureau to collect administrative records on citizenship.

The U.S. Department of Commerce asked a federal court in Maryland on Wednesday to dismiss a lawsuit challenging Trump’s order.

The motion filed by administration attorneys was the latest development among several lawsuits around the nation, deriving from the administration’s failed attempt to put a citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire. After the U.S. Supreme Court blocked the question from being added last summer, Trump issued the order requiring the U.S. Census Bureau to obtain citizenship information from administrative records instead.

Civil rights groups challenged Trump’s order, worried that citizenship information will be used by states and local governments to redraw legislative boundaries using only U.S. citizens instead of the entire population. They argued doing so would be advantageous to Republicans and non-Hispanic whites.

Government lawyers argued in Wednesday’s court filing that the civil rights groups don’t have grounds to bring a lawsuit since they can’t point to anyone being harmed.

“Their injuries can only result from a highly attenuated chain of possibilities, including the independent decisions of states and localities to use (or not use) citizenship data,” said attorneys for Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, whose department oversees the Census Bureau.

The Department of Commerce has said it has enough administrative records to determine the citizenship of almost 90% of the U.S. population, and records collected from the order would only fill in the remaining gaps. In an effort to comply with the order, the Census Bureau has asked states for

drivers' license records, but only Nebraska has agreed.

Despite the Supreme Court's rejection of it, litigation on the citizenship question is continuing in cases in Maryland, New York and Washington, as civil rights groups and Democratic lawmakers question the Trump administration's explanation for why it was requested in the first place.

The Trump administration claimed it was to help enforce the Voting Rights Act, but civil rights groups and Democratic lawmakers have their doubts.

In Washington, Democratic lawmakers last month sued Ross and Attorney General William Barr for refusing to produce documents on the question's origin. House Democrats have said a Trump administration adviser was in contact with Republican redistricting guru Thomas Hofeller during the drafting of the citizenship question. Hofeller has said that using voting-age citizens, instead of the total population, as the redistricting population base would help Republicans and non-Hispanic whites.

In court papers filed on Tuesday, the Democratic lawmakers asked a judge to make a ruling without a need for a trial. They said they needed the documents now so they could conduct oversight on the president and pass any needed remedial legislation ahead of next year's census, which will determine how many congressional seats each state gets and how \$1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed.

"The stakes could not be more serious," they said in their filing.

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Good morning –

Zack reached out to the Reputational Threat Monitoring team to ask for an update on coverage over the weekend of the Drivers License issue so I'm forwarding along what was shared with him. Going forward the team has been instructed to also send this information to PIO as well.

Slightly lower volume over the weekend, but it's still getting attention. Stories from [shareblue.com](#), [PBS](#), [Washington Post](#), [NPR](#), and the [Dallas News](#) were the most shared of the weekend. Qualitatively, news coverage and corresponding social posts have shifted from mainly reporting on the request to looking at it through a political lens, such as this article from [The Nation](#).

Some organizations, such as [ACLU of New Jersey](#), are calling for states not to comply, though those messages make up a small part of the conversation. A topic of conversation that has increased since late last week, spurred by the Washington Post story and other coverage, is whether drivers license data would be accurate, [such as this post](#) from a Texas Tribune demographics reporter.

Thanks, Ann



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Kolo,

We have answers prepared for all of Jean's questions (attached). While we recognize you have not had a chance to review, many of these answers are likely to come out during the Director's HSGAC hearing tomorrow. Given that and the fact that we have answers at the ready, we'd like to transmit these to the appropriators prior to the HSGAC hearing. Any concerns and will you be able to review? Happy to discuss further if helpful.

Ben

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Adding the following questions. Since I didn't get the EO from you all, I thought I'd let you know that the EO is at <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6189423-Executive-Order.html> . It prompts some more specific questions.



Executive Order On Collecting  
Information About Citizenship  
Status In Connection With The  
Decennial Census -  
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DocumentCloud by Hansi Wang (NPR).

How does the EO request for administrative records change the current operating plan for the 2020 decennial?

What agencies and departments are represented in the interagency working group to improve access to administrative records and who are their designees? What is the timeline and schedule for this working group to meet?

Will the Census Bureau seek additional information from DHS and other Departments as a result of the EO? Does the Census Bureau anticipate requesting data from other federal agencies not mentioned in the EO? What exactly will this information be used for?

Please detail the status of MOUs with the agencies referred to in section 3 as well as any other Departments and agencies Commerce is seeking administrative records from and provide copies of any executed MOUs.

After the determination not to include the citizenship question, what role, if any, will DOJ play in the 2020 decennial efforts going forward?

Is the Census Bureau anticipating requiring additional funding to fulfill the requirements in the EO?

How and in what form does Census plan to provide "complete and accurate data on the number of citizens, non-citizens, and illegal aliens in this country"?

What current plans, if any, does the Department have to expand ACS and what are the costs associated with that expansion? What are the statistical implications of expanded ACS distribution?

Please detail efforts and MOUs with States to receive administrative records as contemplated in section 3(d). What records will Census be seeking?

What is being done to secure any data, both PII and IT storage-wise, provided to the Census Bureau?

What data, if any will Commerce/Census provide back to the agencies it has MOUs with?

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I assume that you are now free to answer questions.

The MOU question also should be expanded to encompass what agreements are needed across government, with which agencies, and which databases will be used, to bring about the execution of the executive order by the Department of Commerce.

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Obviously our questions about an MOU w/ Homeland remain and we'd like to see the executive order.

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Jean and Blaise,

Thank you for reaching out. As of noon today, the printer has completed 9.3 million questionnaires (none containing the citizenship question).

We will try to update you on your other inquiries when we can. Right now we do not have anything to share.

Kolo

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Also, how many forms have been printed as of today? What day is the day they don't print? Need that ASAP.

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All,

Could you provide information about how the [reported executive action](#), possibly coming today, would affect decennial preparations?

Thanks,  
Blaise

**Blaise Sheridan**

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Mike Schneider has follow up questions:

What about the drivers' license data?

Why has the bureau made requests to state motor vehicle agencies, and how many state motor vehicle agencies have shared their data?

How does the bureau plan to use that information?

Also, can you explain the timing of the request in the Federal Register last month? If the bureau made a request for state administrative data in 2016, why was there a need for a new request last month?

Are we providing additional comment or is this it?

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Julie,

Thanks for this.

What about the drivers' license data? Why has the bureau made requests to state motor vehicle agencies, and how many state motor vehicle agencies have shared their data? How does the bureau plan to use that information?

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Thanks,  
Mike

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Hi Mike,

Here you go...

## **U.S. Census Bureau Statement on State Data Sharing Agreements**

**OCT. 10, 2019** — For years, the U.S. Census Bureau has regularly entered into agreements to receive administrative records from many federal, state and local governments to provide quality statistics to the American public.

Longstanding Federal law (Title 13, Section 6) authorizes and directs the Census Bureau to reuse existing data collected by other federal agencies and state, tribal or local governments, as well as private organizations. Using information previously collected by other organizations saves taxpayers money and reduces the burden on the public, while still allowing the Census Bureau to deliver high-quality data products.

Since the [early 2000s](#), the Census Bureau has researched the use of state administrative records to supplement or improve the quality and coverage of Census Bureau surveys. [In 2016](#), the Census Bureau requested the use of state administrative records that include information such as date of birth, address, race, Hispanic origin and citizenship status for the 2020 Census and ongoing Census Bureau surveys, including the American Community Survey.

As part of routine work, the Census Bureau enters into voluntary data sharing agreements with many state agencies that maintain administrative records on a variety of programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

When the Census Bureau receives the records, they are stripped of all personal identifiable information and are used for statistical purposes only while remaining strictly protected under Title 13. By law, the Census Bureau does not share any data protected under Title 13 with the states or share personally identifiable information with any government or law enforcement agencies.

Responses to all Census Bureau surveys and administrative records obtained by the Census Bureau are safe, secure and protected by law. Under Title 13, all census data can only be used to produce statistics.

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Story is being edited... so right now, if you can, please.  
Mike

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On Oct 10, 2019, at 2:49 PM, Julie Iriondo (CENSUS/PIO FED)  
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What's your deadline today? It shouldn't be much longer...

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OK, thanks.

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Julie,  
Can you give me an ETA?  
Thanks, Mike

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Hi Mike,

Hope to have an answer for you soon.

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Hi Julie,  
I believe we're running the story today.  
We would love to be able to include comment from the bureau.

Thanks,  
Mike

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Is the request for citizenship status by a division of the Census Bureau related to the President's statement?

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**Subject:** Fw: Driver's License Request Story  
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More on our efforts to acquire driver's license data.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Driver's License Request Story

Heads up, Karen! An email you sent to the state of Florida is in this story.

Please let me know if you start getting calls/emails from the public/media.

**Michael C. Cook Sr.**, Division Chief  
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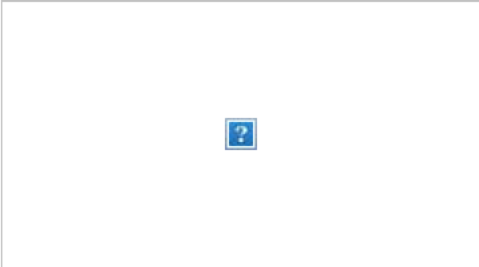
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As requested.

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## Census Bureau Seeks Driver's License Data, Including Citizenship And Eye Color - [huffpost.com](https://www.huffpost.com)

HuffPost obtained a draft memorandum the Census Bureau submitted to multiple states that would govern the sharing of driver's license records. The document outlines a request for [www.huffpost.com](https://www.huffpost.com)

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**Subject:** Fw: EO Weekly Data Acquisition Update  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 1:25:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [Ad Rec Performance Report Oct 4 2019.pptx](#)

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Hi all,

For clarify -- which slide in the attached deck is going to DOC? Thanks

Thanks,

**Robin L. Wyvill**

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**Subject:** EO Weekly Data Acquisition Update

Here is our weekly update. I'm not sure who all should be on the addressee list so feel free to forward or let me know who to add.

In the bullet narrative below, I highlighted a couple of things that I believe the Census team should be especially aware of. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Slide Updates:  
Latest slide attached

Weekly Status:

**Renewal Federal Agreements**

- a. SSA Numident - fully signed and executed.
- b. IRS 1040/1099 - agreement in routing for signature. Expect it to be fully signed/executed by next weeks update.
- c. CMS will finalize the Medicare and Medicaid agreements in October. With a target date of finalizing agreements by November 15, the CMS proposed date seems reasonable.

## **New Federal Agreements**

a. SSA/MBR: The agreement is in final preparation at SSA. We learned this week that cost will double based on our schedule to receive two deliveries during FY20. Total cost is now \$730,000. I'm working with Decennial Budget contacts to secure the funding. I've pointed out to SSA that this cost is extremely high compared to what we are paying for other federal data (IRS 1040/1099 for monthly deliveries is around \$100,00; CMS Medicare/Medicaid at around \$50,000 each - all rough estimates at this point). I informed SSA that this high cost might raise concerns both internally as well as with some of the possible updates planned on the Hill.

b. IHS - They informed me this week they are nearing completion of their review/edits to the draft agreement.

c. State Dept: Census staff met with State Department on 9/12/19 to review the agreement variable list and to address other questions regarding data security and access. Based on that meeting, the State Dept will update the draft agreement with their final edits and return to the Census Bureau for review. This week State let me know that the draft agreement is still in review. I am pressing them for more details on the status and if we don't get something substantive back from them by early next week, we should consider asking for DOC assistance.

d. Dept of Homeland Security: Meetings have been held with CIS and ICE and scheduled with CBP for next week. Purpose of the meetings is/will be to respond to each on their questions about certain data variables we have requested. After those meetings, agreements are being updated and finalized for review. Target date of Nov 15 for a fully executed agreement still seems reasonable. CIS informed us that the Human Rights Watch have FOIA'd our draft agreement.

d. U.S Marshals Service: Data transferred.

e. DOI: Data transferred.

f. Bureau of Prisons: BOP sent their draft agreement back with edits. We sent the draft to Census Legal for review.

g. Bureau of Justice Statistics: They informed me this week they might need to get each states approval to share data for this purpose. They are awaiting their Legal Office opinion on this. If that is the case, it would make it next to impossible to get everything in place within our deadlines.

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### **Desired Agreements but Legal Issues**

CDC Births/Deaths: No response yet to our request for the data. I've looped the HHS Interagency Working Group representative into these conversations to solicit her help.

### **State**

#### Drivers License Data

- a. Kentucky is in final review for signature.
- b. Nebraska agreement soon to enter final review for signature.
- c. Overall Status:

All 50 states contacted

7 declined - AL, AK, IL, IN, ME, NH, NV

CT, MD and PA seem likely to move forward, but it is slow.

OR has a peculiar process. They can only deliver the data per month, and at a cost of \$100 each time. Each time an application has to be made.

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**Subject:** Fw: Fw: CBS 2 REQUEST- Census Bureau Requests for Driver's License Administrative Records  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 7:14:14 AM

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**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: CBS 2 REQUEST- Census Bureau Requests for Driver's License Administrative Records

Can you guys call me on this?

**Ellisa Johnson,**

*Assistant Regional Census Manager, Chicago Region*

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**Cc:** [Michael C Cook \(CENSUS/PIO FED\)](#); [Christine E Taylor \(CENSUS/PIO FED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Media Inquiry: Census asking states for citizenship information  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:34:40 AM  
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**Subject:** Media Inquiry: Census asking states for citizenship information

Good afternoon,

My name is Rachel and I'm a reporter for The Hill.

Is the census bureau making an effort to gain citizenship information from states, as [The Associated Press](#) reported today?

If so can you tell me more about how and why this is benign done? What will the information be used for? Will it be shared with other agencies?

If not, is the bureau gathering information on drivers' license records and information on recipients of government assistance for other purposes? If so, what will the information be used for?

I am writing on deadline and would appreciate a quick reply.

Best,  
Rachel Frazin  
Breaking News Reporter, The Hill  
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**Subject:** Fw: Notification of DBiT Funding Request change. ID=89522  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:59:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [UFR for WV Drivers License.xlsx](#)

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**Subject:** Re: Notification of DBiT Funding Request change. ID=89522

Good morning,

No UFR needed for this request. The DBO Team will update the status in DBiT.

Thank you,

**Emily Krutsch**, Deputy Office Chief  
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DBiT ID 89522 has been submitted for review in 2020 and now reflects STATUS = DBO Review.

**From:** [Michael A Berning \(CENSUS/ERD FED\)](#)  
**To:** [Kevin E Deardorff \(CENSUS/ERD FED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: DRAFT Talking Points  
**Date:** Friday, October 18, 2019 6:58:15 PM

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I just spoke with the Director. While he is in transit and could not provide line edits, (b) (5)

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**Key Points**

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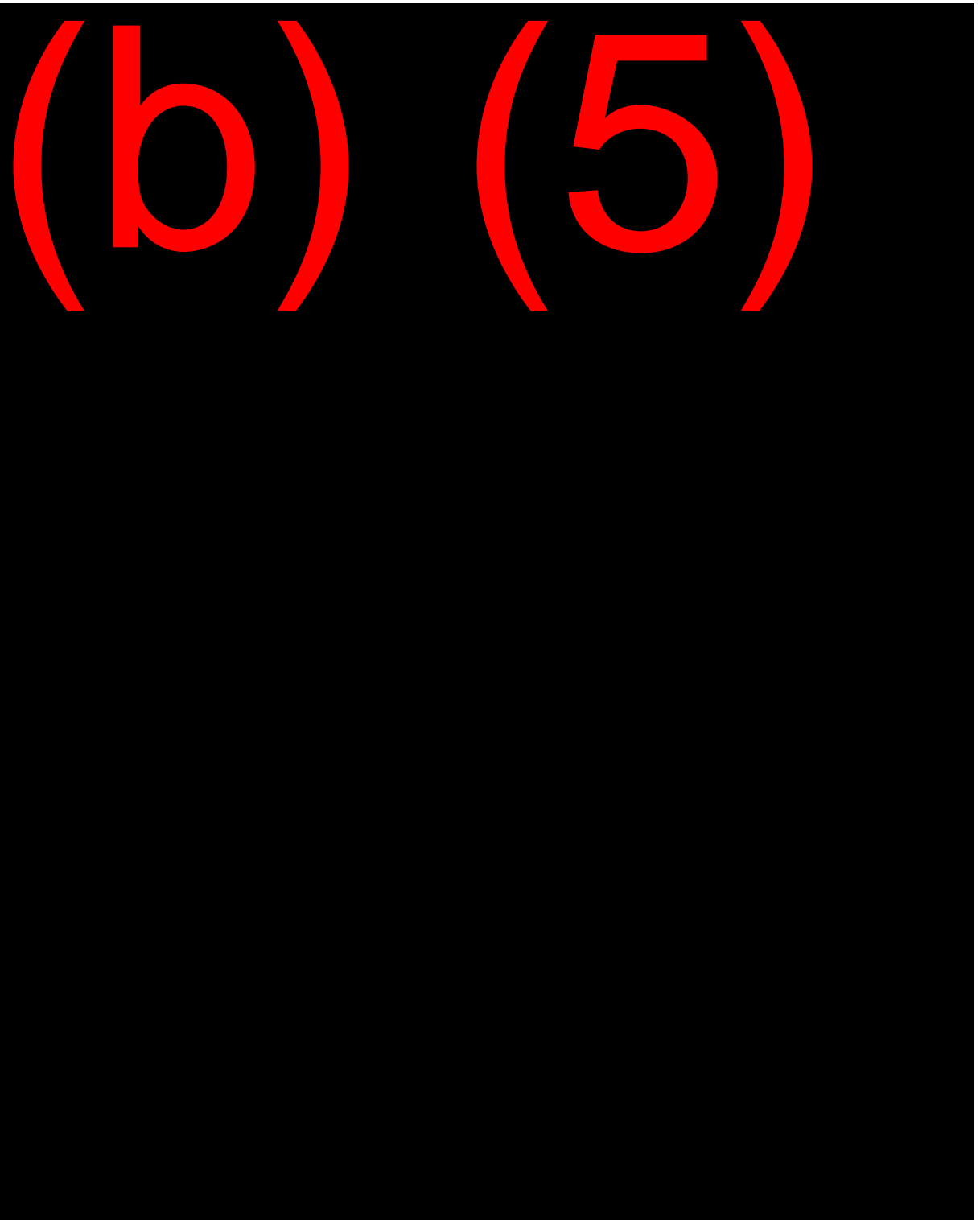
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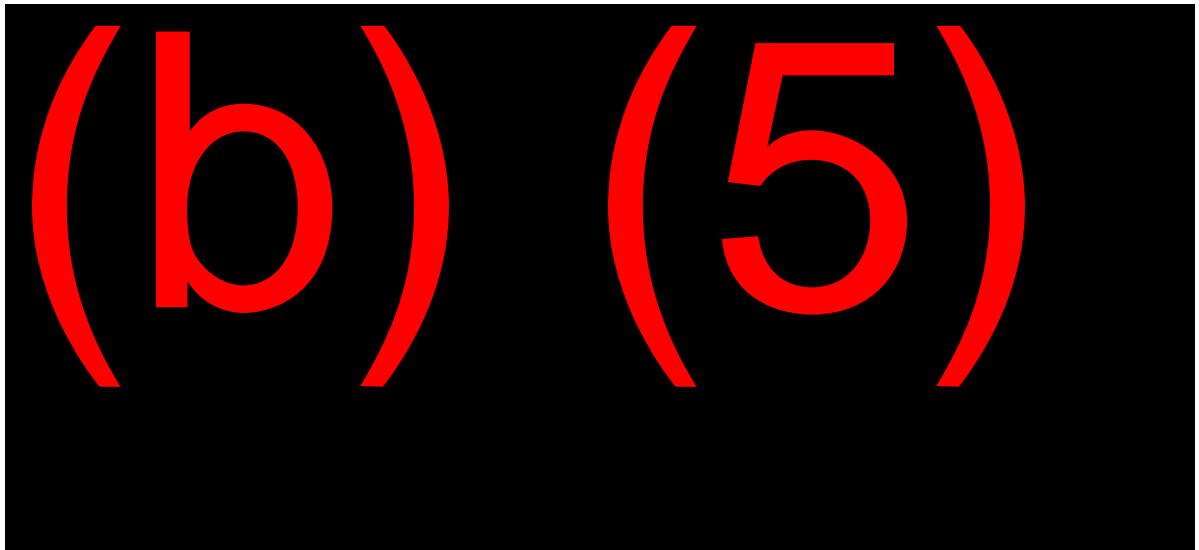
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**Subject:** Re: DRAFT Talking Points

a couple of typos in the first bullets and a missing word in the last (now corrected)

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## DRAFT Talking Points on Acquiring State Drivers License Records

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Bravo. Finally defending our integrity as an independent statistical agency. Keeping the talking points focused on doing our job well is the right tone.

Thanks,

**John M. Abowd, PhD**, Associate Director and Chief Scientist  
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On Oct 18, 2019, at 4:22 PM, Christa D Jones (CENSUS/DEPDIR FED) <[Christa.D.Jones@census.gov](mailto:Christa.D.Jones@census.gov)> wrote:

All--In response to DOC's request to Ron this morning for draft TPs

relating to drivers license file acquisition efforts.

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- The Census Bureau recently contacted the states seeking to acquire state drivers license files. These files contain a range of information, including date of birth, and social security numbers, as well as citizenship, that could be used in support of implementing the recent Executive Order No. 13880.
- More importantly, these records are an opportunity to expand coverage for the Census Bureau's infrastructure that is used to support a broad range of statistical activities, including reducing cost and respondent burden for the 2020 Census and other household surveys and expanding socioeconomic measurement through new statistical products. The Census Bureau has worked throughout the last decade to expand this infrastructure by acquiring new administrative records sources and another important aspect of these efforts is the Census Bureau's research and efforts to improve its record linkage capabilities. This research underscores the Census Bureau's commitment to continuous improvement and its ability to improve the quality of statistics that describe the nation's people, places, and economy. Using administrative records saves taxpayers money and reduces the burden on the American public.
- An aspect of this commitment to accuracy and improvement was embedded in the recent state drivers license requests. Eye color variable is a potentially unique and persistent characteristic, and while the Census Bureau does not plan to utilize this information to produce estimates, the Census Bureau sought this information to research whether the characteristic could be useful to increase the accuracy of the record linkages using these data and to improve the overall record linkage methodologies.

- As with any other agreement with the states, the agreements are voluntary and all administrative records data protected by Title 13, which means the Census Bureau must protect confidentiality and will not publish or disclose the identity of the individual and the information can only be used for statistical purposes and only sworn persons may access the confidential data. Any violation of Title 13 is subject to a fine of \$250,000, a prison term of 5 years, or both.

## DRAFT Talking Points on Acquiring State Drivers License Records



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Hey Stanley,

Did you ever get the final draft on this topic?

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I'm a reporter with CBS 2 Chicago looking into the recent requests made by the U.S. Census Bureau's Data Acquisitions Branch to driver's license facilities, including facilities here in Illinois.

It is my understand that citizenship status was a part of those requests that were ultimately denied by Illinois' Secretary of State's Office. The data request has raised concerns following the Supreme Court decision regarding a citizenship question on the Census.

Is the request for citizenship status by a division of the Census Bureau related to the President's statement?

Made in July; "I'm hereby ordering every department and agency in the federal government to provide the Department of Commerce with all requested records regarding the number of citizens and non-citizens in our country."

Can you clarify why that request, including citizenship status, was made?

This story is running this evening.

Please reach me here or on my cell (b) (6).

Thank you,  
Tara Molina

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Thanks Dave.



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My thoughts below.

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Ron asked us to work some wording re state drivers license file requests that we could use for TPs/answers/etc. and to share it with you.

This is the draft language. Let us know if you have questions or additional thoughts.

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Good afternoon,

WPMT FOX43, a [Fox affiliate](#) serving Harrisburg and Central Pennsylvania, just aired a brief 2-minute segment about the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's refusal to share driver's license records with the Census Bureau. A spokesperson from PennDOT appeared on the segment and said, "It was a lot of data that they asked for" and that the department "didn't feel that their request was something that we needed to comply with." The segment noted that Pennsylvania was not the only state to refuse to comply with the request and tied the request to the Supreme Court case about the citizenship question, which it said was an attempt to diminish the political power of minorities. The segment concluded by saying PennDOT was not convinced by the Census Bureau's assurance that the driver's license data is for statistical purposes.

The segment will air again at 5pm EST. FOX43 published an accompanying online [article](#) about the denial of the request on the website and included the Census Bureau's statement from last week about the issue.

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Good afternoon,

We wanted to pass along a brief update on coverage related to the Census Bureau and driver's license information. Since our last update yesterday, October 22, there have been two unique articles in two states that covered the Census Bureau's request for drivers license information.

In Massachusetts, the [Boston Globe](#) mentioned the request in an article about community census outreach in Rhode Island. The article notes state officials have not received such a request from the Census Bureau, but quotes the executive director of Common Cause Rhode Island, who said, "The Constitution is crystal clear that the census is to count every resident of the United States, regardless of their citizenship status. Any attempt to discourage participation by non-citizens is an affront to that constitutional purpose." The article is behind a paywall; the full text is included below for your convenience.

In Texas, KPRC, a local [NBC affiliate](#), reported that the Texas Department of Public Safety is reviewing the request but has yet to respond. The piece did not refer to the Census Bureau's October 15 statement, but included a quote from former Census



Bureau director Steven Murdock, who stressed the importance of collecting accurate population data. Murdock's comments do not directly reference driver's license information, but he has been quoted on the issue of the citizenship question frequently. The article states, "Murdock is among those who believe the citizenship question will deter non-citizens from answering surveys, or in this case, applying for a driver's license." A local Houston radio station, iHeart Radio's [KTRH](#), is running a poll on its [Twitter](#) page asking followers if they support Texas providing drivers license data to the Census Bureau. The poll is so far receiving minimal engagement with only 25 votes, but is open for the next 17 hours. It also appears at the bottom of the [KPRC](#) article.

Team Y&R will continue to monitor for additional coverage.

Thanks,

Beth

#### [For census, R.I. is hardest state to count in New England](#)

Boston Globe [MA] — Edward Fitzpatrick, October 22

PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island is the hardest state in New England in which to get a full, accurate count of the population, according to US Census Bureau standards.

The Census Bureau designates a geographic area as "hard-to-count" if its self-response rate in the 2010 census was 73 percent or lower. By that standard, 24 percent of Rhode Islanders live in "hard-to-count" neighborhoods — the highest percentage of any state in New England (followed by Massachusetts at 23 percent ) and the 12th highest in the nation, according to Common Cause Rhode Island data.

So the Rhode Island Census 2020 Fund is making \$425,000 available in small grants to local groups to bolster efforts in hard-to-count communities.

"Rhode Island cannot afford an undercount in the 2020 census," said Jessica David, the Rhode Island Foundation's executive vice president of strategy and community investments.

For one thing, she said, Rhode Island relies on the census count for \$3.8 billion a year in federal funding, and the state could very well lose one of its two seats in the House of Representatives after the next census.

"We are very concerned," said David, a member of the Rhode Island Complete Count Committee. "Obviously, we have communities that are vulnerable to being undercounted."

For example, the state contains groups of people who are often hard to count — including both documented and undocumented immigrants, refugees, English language learners, younger children, people of color, homeless people, homebound older residents, and college students, she said.

"So we definitely need to get in touch with all of these communities and tell them why it matters," David said.

To boost that effort, the Rhode Island Census 2020 Fund is making grants of between \$1,000 and \$25,000 available to Rhode Island-based nonprofits, municipal governments, public agencies such as libraries and schools, houses of worship, and community-based organizations. The grants must support activities that raise awareness about the census, and must focus on a specific demographic community or geographic area at risk of undercounting.

This time around, the attempt to reach hard-to-count communities is complicated by the Trump administration's failed attempt to include a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

Also, the Associated Press recently reported that the Census Bureau is asking states for

drivers' license records that typically include citizenship data. State officials say Rhode Island has not received such a request from the Census Bureau.

But John M. Marion, executive director of Common Cause Rhode Island, emphasized that, "The Constitution is crystal clear that the census is to count every resident of the United States, regardless of their citizenship status. Any attempt to discourage participation by non-citizens is an affront to that constitutional purpose."

David said, "We know the citizenship question is not on the census questionnaire, which is good news, but there is still a culture of distrust and fear, which we understand."

The Census Bureau is prohibited from sharing individual census information with other federal agencies, she noted. "We try to convince people that the information will not be used for ill, and we say the census is important for everyone — it affects money for local schools, libraries, roads and bridges."

In the 2010 census, the municipalities in Rhode Island with the lowest self-response rates were Central Falls (60 percent), Providence (62 percent), Pawtucket (66 percent), Little Compton (69 percent), Woonsocket (69 percent), and Newport (70 percent), according to Common Cause data.

Marion, a member of the Rhode Island Complete Count Committee, noted the state's "hard-to-count" areas include not just urban core neighborhoods but also places such as Kingston, home to the University of Rhode Island — which underscores the difficulty in getting college students to respond to census surveys.

A total of \$1.2 million is available to encourage 2020 census participation in Rhode Island. The state budgeted \$500,000, the federal government added \$200,000, and private donors are providing \$500,000 for the Rhode Island Census Fund, which is being administered by the Rhode Island Foundation.

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time there has been a community-based effort to encourage census participation in Rhode Island," Marion said. "In the past, we have relied solely on the Census Bureau."

Other states have invested big bucks in bolstering their census counts, he said, noting California is spending \$187 million on census outreach.

"For Rhode Islanders, millions of dollars of federal money and political representation for their communities hang in the balance," Marion said. "It is imperative we make sure every Rhode Islander participates in the census."

Those interested in the Census 2020 Outreach Grants may attend an information session from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Nonviolence Institute, 265 Oxford St., Providence. Registration information is available at [rifoundation.org/censusgrants](http://rifoundation.org/censusgrants).

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Hey VA,

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Additionally, it was covered by another outlet and ran in our clips: <https://www.daily-chronicle.com/2019/09/24/u-s-census-bureau-sought-citizenship-data-from-drivers-licenses-illinois-rejected-its-request/aaix4ak/>

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No response provided—story did run:

<https://newschannel20.com/news/local/secretary-of-state-denies-census-request-for-records-including-citizenship-data>

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Fysa guys- this is ramping up a bit.

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Hi Kevin,

Checking in on the update to the RTQ that explicitly addresses the need for drivers licenses data. AP has an outstanding inquiry on this and we also have CQ Roll Call, Telemundo, the Hill, Courthouse News (Philly) and Providence Journal all requesting specifics to the need for drivers license information.

Best,

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**Subject:** Re: SHORT FUSE: State AdRec Statement

Hi Kevin,

Apologies, hit send to soon.

AP has the following questions for follow-up. All but one (in bold) can be answered with the sentence that was originally taken out about the EO and Drivers Licenses. Please let us know if we can add back the sentence on the EO and Drivers licenses. I've attached the document we propose.

Follow Ups

Is the request for drivers' license information and the request for administrative state records, per the filing last month with the Federal Register, the result of Executive Order 13880?

What about the drivers' license data?

Why has the bureau made requests to state motor vehicle agencies, and **how many state motor vehicle agencies have shared their data?**

How does the bureau plan to use that information?

Also, can you explain the timing of the request in the Federal Register last month? If the bureau made a request for state administrative data in 2016, why was there a need for a new request last month?

Thanks,

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Hi Kevin,

Attached is a draft statement on the Census Bureau's request for state administrative records. We have an outstanding AP request and they plan to write today. Please let us know ASAP if this is approved.

Thanks,  
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