



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
U.S. Census Bureau  
Office of the Director  
Washington, DC 20233-0001

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your letter and call regarding the redistricting data delivery timelines. We understand that states need to plan for the receipt of this data as every day is important for the compressed timelines they are facing.

Since announcing plans to release redistricting data by September 30, 2021, we have been continually evaluating our schedule and processes to identify actions we can take that would reduce the burden of a late delivery of the redistricting data. One such solution we identified on March 15, 2021, is to provide the legacy format summary files in August, earlier than the planned September official release by DVD/flash drive to state officials and through our primary dissemination platform at [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov) for the public. The Census Bureau is committing to publishing the legacy format summary files to our File Transfer Protocol site for the states and the public no later than August 16, 2021.

The Census Bureau's working schedule is a dynamic one, with time built in to identify and correct issues we find during data processing. Nevertheless, we remain confident that we will be able to meet the August 16, 2021, and September 30, 2021, dates.

I hope this response provides a satisfactory assurance to you and your constituents regarding our plans for releasing these data.

Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate your strong support for the 2020 Census. If you have additional questions, please contact [REDACTED], Chief of the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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Acting Director