



2020 CENSUS DATA

2020 Census data will first be released in “Legacy” format on **August 16, 2021**.

- ✓ The “Legacy” data format is the same format that has been produced and provided to the states since at least the 2000 Census. This data will be released to states and the public on a Public File Transfer Protocol (Public FTP) website — a special website made for sharing large amounts of data.
- ✓ This format requires additional handling to properly extract data. However, most, if not all, mapping software providers will be able to process the legacy data shortly after its release and make it available to users. **We therefore anticipate most state and local jurisdictions will use this August 16th data to begin their redistricting process.**

A more user-friendly version of the same data will be released on **September 30, 2021**.

- ✓ This data will include DVDs and flash drives sent to official data recipients (Governors, Majority and Minority Legislative Leadership, Redistricting Commissions, and Non-partisan State Liaisons). These physical devices will include an integrated software browsing tool that will allow more intuitive browsing of the data. They also contain a custom extraction menu that allows for the extraction of large datasets from the device.
- ✓ The data will also include public access on the data.census.gov Data Explorer platform. This website is a data browsing tool where users can access many different census datasets, including redistricting data. It has custom filters that allow the user to focus on the exact geographic and characteristic data for which they are interested. The source data for this release is the same Legacy formatted data released on August 16, 2021.

Once released, **2020 Census Data will also be available at the following:**

- ✓ To download here: census.gov/rdo
- ✓ There are currently “prototype” Legacy datasets available for those who want to prepare their systems for processing datasets released in August.
- ✓ To search and browse here: data.census.gov
- ✓ Additional resources may be available at: redistrictingdatahub.org



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