



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

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The Honorable Ronald Mariano
Speaker of the House
24 Beacon Street
State House - Room 343
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Speaker Mariano:

On behalf of the U.S. Census Bureau Acting Director, Dr. Ron S. Jarmin, I am writing this letter regarding the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program.

The U.S. Census Bureau's Redistricting Data Program is responsible for providing each state with the population and housing totals and geographic support products necessary for legislative redistricting following the decennial census, under the provisions of Public Law [P.L.] 94-171 (copy enclosed). In January and February of this year, we provided geographic support products from the 2020 Census to help your state prepare for receipt of the official 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files. In August, we published the official 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files in the Legacy Summary File Format to the Census Public File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site.

This mailing contains the official 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files for your state with the easier-to-use data extraction tools on both DVD and USB flash drive and serves as an official delivery of these data to your state. The contents of the DVD and USB flash drive are identical and include the following:

- **Executable software for data viewing and extraction (does not require installation).**
- 2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File Technical Documentation.
- Readme.txt.
- Pipe-delimited, plain text data files in the Census Legacy Summary File format.

In addition to the DVD and USB flash drive provided in this mailing, the data are now loaded to the Census Data Explorer application (data.census.gov). The data published on the Census Data Explorer application are the same as the data provided on the DVD and USB flash drive.

Please direct questions on the redistricting data file tabulations and releases to the Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office at 301-763-4039 or rdo@census.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Whitehorne".

James Whitehorne – Chief, Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office