

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACT
RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE NAVAJO
NATION CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION BY APPROVING ITS PLAN
OF OPERATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is empowered to coordinate all federal programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C §§ 700 (A), 701 (A) (4).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The United States Department of Commerce - Bureau of Census authorize by the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 2 and 9, directs that a census or enumeration be taken every 10 years.
- B. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to determine the number of people living in the United States. The results of the census determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Federal agencies use the results to distribute federal funds each year. See *The 2020 Census at a Glance* and *2020 Census Key Dates* attached hereto as **Exhibits B** and **C**, respectively.
- C. In 1999, the former Government Services Committee and Navajo Nation Council through Resolution CAP-46-99 established the

Navajo Nation Census 2000 Complete Count Commission by approving the Plan of Operation. The Commission and its Plan of Operation was established under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation for the purpose of conducting the Census 2000 awareness campaign, coordinating work, providing guidance, and promoting and supporting efforts of the entities and organizations involved with the Census 2000 operation. See CAP-46-99.


- D. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to establish Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation in order to carry out Census 2020 activities as stated in its Plan of Operation, attached as **Exhibit A**, to ensure a complete and accurate count of Navajo people.
- E. The Department of Justice has reviewed the Plan of Operation as attached in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE CENSUS 2020

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee hereby established the Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission by approving its Plan of Operation as set forth in the attached **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission is authorized to draft a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Census Bureau, if necessary, in conformance with Navajo Nation law.
- C. The Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission and its Plan of Operation is established under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation as a temporary commission and shall exist until it has completed all activities associated with the Census 2020 or until the end of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, whichever occurs earlier.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 28th day of March 2019.



Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Edmund Yazzie
Second: Honorable Pernell Halona

Chairman Seth Damon not voting



PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE
NAVAJO NATION CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION

I. ESTABLISHMENT, NAME AND REFERENCE

A. Establishment

The Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission is hereby established in the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. The Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission is hereinafter referred to as "The Commission" in this plan of operation.

II. PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Commission to take the lead role in conducting a Census 2020 awareness and outreach campaign throughout the Navajo Nation jurisdiction and where Navajo People reside in the United States by reviewing activities, coordinating work, providing guidance, promoting and supporting efforts of the entities and organizations involved with the Census 2020 Operation.

III. PRESENTATION, MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION; Members and Officers

A. Presentation

The Commission shall have a combination of representatives from the Navajo Nation government, including the Navajo Board of Election Supervisor, and organizations from the public and private sectors; thus, ensuring a broad representation on the Commission.

B. Membership and Selection

The Commission shall consist of ten (10) members consisting of five (5) members of the Navajo Nation Council, with one member from each of the five agencies and five (5) members at-large representing various organizations (public and private sectors). The five members of the Navajo Nation Council will be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and the remaining five members will be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation. All ten (10) members shall be confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council.

C. Officers; Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission

The Commission members shall select the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission after holding a caucus among themselves. In the absence of the Chairman of the Commission, the Vice-Chairman of the Commission shall automatically assume the responsibility of the Chairman of the Commission.

IV. TERM OF OFFICE

All Commission members shall serve a term of one year and six month of office, effective April 2019 to September 2020, unless otherwise authorized by the Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

V. COMPENSATION

All members of the Commission shall be compensated in accordance with the rate set at 2 N.N.C Section 106(B) for commission meeting attendance.

VI. POWERS

A. General

The Commission shall have all the powers necessary and proper authority to exercise its duties and responsibilities to accomplish the purposes set forth in Section II of this Plan of Operation.

B. Enumerated Power and Duties

1. On behalf of the Navajo Nation, the Commission shall provide oversight of the Census 2020 activities and encourage fellow Navajo leaders and residents, especially elected officials, to assume of the responsibility to educate their respective chapters of the importance and benefits of a complete and accurate census count.
2. The Commission shall provide report to the Navajo Nation Council on its activities on a quarterly basis.
3. The Commission shall develop and adopt a Navajo Nation Media Plan that will list the sources, types and usage of media available to reach the majority of the Navajo population.
4. The Commission shall promote Census 2020 through education of the public at meetings and community events regarding the importance and benefits of a complete and accurate Navajo count.

5. The Commission shall ensure that Navajo and federal government agencies coordinate the complete count efforts from the central units to the local levels.
6. The Commission shall work closely with the three branch chiefs of the Navajo Nation government, Navajo Nation Council, Agency Council, Local Chapters, Local School, BIA, IHS U.S. Census Bureau Offices and other committees organized to assist with the promotion and implementation of the year 2020 census count.
7. The Commission shall recommend to; provide instruction to; and/or assign any Navajo governmental unit in resolving any issues which may serve as an obstacle to the successful implementation of a complete count.
8. The Commission shall prepare a written activity report within thirty (30) workdays of its last schedule quarterly meeting. Copies of such report shall be made available to the Navajo Nation Council, Office of President & Vice-President, all Navajo government branches and divisions, Local Chapters, BIA, IHS and the U.S. Census Bureau.

VII. MEETING PROCEDURES

A. Meetings

One regular meeting of the Commission shall be held quarterly during the Fiscal Year. Special meeting shall be held as called by the Chairman of the Commission or upon written request of any six members of the Commission. The Commission shall determine its scheduled regular meeting dates.

B. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of no less than six (6) members at any meeting.

C. Voting

A majority vote of a quorum of members present at any meeting shall be necessary for any Commission action.

D. Procedures

The Commission is empowered to conduct its own meetings which may or may not be open to the public; provided that all formal substantive actions shall be by written resolution duly certified by the presiding officer and topics discussed shall be summarized in writing.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as deemed appropriate may amend this Plan of Operation.

The 2020 Census at a Glance

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.



The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce followup visits. And, we are building an accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

KEY MILESTONES



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| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2018 End-to-End Census Test● 2020 Census questions sent to Congress by March 31, 2018● Six regional 2020 Census offices and 40 area census offices open |
| 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Partnership activities launch● Complete Count Committees establish● Remaining 248 area census offices open |
| 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Advertising begins in early 2020● Public response (online, phone, or mail) begins● Census Day— April 1, 2020● In-person visits to households that haven't responded begin● Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020 |
| 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021 |

Overview of Census Bureau Programs

CENSUSES

- The **decennial census** is the once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. The results of the census determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Federal agencies use the results to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds each year.
- The **economic census** measures the nation's economy every five years, providing vital statistics for virtually every industry and geographic area in the country.
- The **Census of Governments** provides comprehensive data about the 90,000 state and local governments in the nation every five years.

SURVEYS

- The **American Community Survey (ACS)** is an ongoing national survey—sampling approximately 3.5 million addresses annually—that provides vital information about our nation's housing and people. The ACS is the only source of comparable, quality information about the people in all our communities. These data show what the U.S. population looks like and how it is changing. ACS data are used to assess the past and present and to plan for the future.
- **Demographic surveys** measure income, poverty, education, health insurance coverage, housing quality, crime victimization, computer usage, and many other subjects.
- **Economic surveys** are conducted monthly, quarterly, and yearly. They cover selected sectors of the nation's economy and supplement the economic census with more-frequent information about the dynamic economy. These surveys yield more than 400 annual economic reports, including principal economic indicators.
- **Sponsored surveys** are demographic and economic surveys that we conduct for other government agencies. They include the Current Population Survey, the National Health Interview Survey, and the National Survey of College Graduates.

For more information, go to [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

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Your information is protected by law

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics. We cannot publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you. We will never share your information with immigration enforcement agencies such as ICE, law enforcement agencies such as the FBI or police, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

Our Mission

To serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy.

Our Vision

To be the trusted source for timely and relevant statistical information, and the leader in data-driven information.

Census History

Thomas Jefferson directed the first decennial census in 1790. As required by the U.S. Constitution, a census has been taken every 10 years thereafter. In 1840, the Census Act authorized the establishment of a centralized Census Office. In 1902, the Census Office became a permanent organization within the Department of the Interior. A year later, it was renamed the Bureau of the Census and moved to the new Department of Commerce and Labor.

2020 Census Key Dates

Community Involvement - Offices - Data Collection Operat



January 2018 through September 2019	Engage & Educate Local Leaders, Partners & Communities
April 2019 through January 2020	Promote Participation in the Census Locally
January 2019 & February 2019	Early Area Census Offices Open (these offices run the Address Canvass Operation)
June 2019 through August 2019	Area Census Offices Open (ACOs)
August 2019 through October 2019	Address Canvass Operation in Select areas (~30% of country, high growth & change areas and not part of hand delivery, see below)
March 2020 through June 2020	Call To Action for Residents to Respond (starting March 23)
February 2020 through June 2020	Group Quarters Operations (Count of Residents in Shelters, Dorms, Nursing Homes, Transitory Locations, Prisons, Military Bases, RV Parks, etc. Local governments & Census identify & plan these operations)
Mid-March 2020	Residents Invited to Respond
Individual Housing Units (HUs) Invited by either:	
Mail (to USPS Mailable Addresses)	or Hand Delivery (to Rural/PO Box, non-USPS HU delivery)
1. Letter Mailed	1. List Housing Units (operation is called Update Leave)
2. Reminder Postcard	2. Leave Questionnaire (Spanish in certain areas) & Letter w/other Response Options (internet & phone)
3. Then Paper Questionnaire	
Options to Self-Respond (all residents will have these 3 options & decide what is best for them)	
Internet	Telephone
	Paper
March 23, 2020	Self-Response Begins & Continues through July 2020
APRIL 1, 2020	Census Day – Reference Date = where you live on April 1
Mid-April 2020	Early Non-Response Follow-up (primarily areas around Colleges/Universities where the population leaves before early May)
May 2020 through July 2020	Non Response Follow-up (NRFU) to HUs that do not self-respond (HUs can continue to self-respond during this time)
Late August 2020 through September 2020	Area Census Offices Close
August 2020 through December 2020	Quality Evaluation (re-contact of select HUs)
December 31, 2020	Deliver Counts to the President

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SEC Halona, P Census 2020 Complete Count
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