

Chronology of Field Operations and Adjustments

Presentation to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Panel to Evaluate the Quality of the 2020 Census

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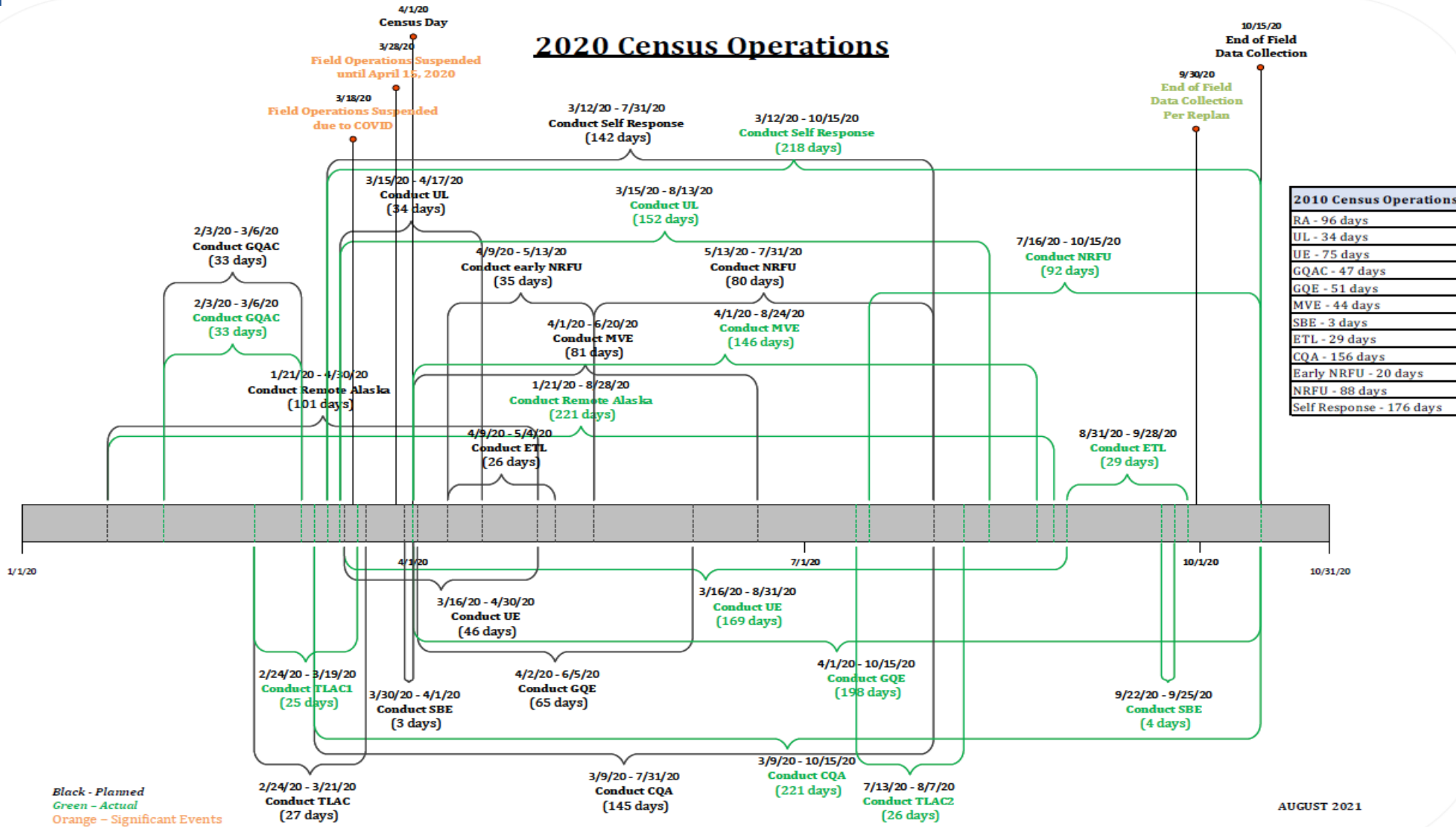
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Activity / Operation	Original Dates	Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19	Replan Dates	Final Dates
Self-Response Phase	March 12 – July 31	March 12 – October 31	March 12 – October 15*	March 12 – October 15
Update Leave (Stateside)	March 15 – April 17	June 13 – July 9	Phased re-opening occurred between May 4 and June 12	Phased re-opening occurred between May 4 and June 12
Service Based Enumeration	March 30 – April 1	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders	September 22 – 24	September 22 – 24
Targeted Non-Sheltered Outdoor Locations	March 31 – April 1	Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders	September 23 – 24	September 23 – 24
Group Quarters Enumeration	April 2 – June 5	July 1 – September 3	April 2 – September 3	April 2 – September 3
Enumeration of Transitory Locations	April 9 – May 4	Tentatively September 3 – September 28, but may need further review and coordination	September 3 – 28	September 3 – 28
Nonresponse Followup	May 13 – July 31	August 11 – October 31	August 9 – October 15*	August 9 – October 15
Delivery of Apportionment Data	By Statutory Deadline: December 31, 2020	Deliver by April 30, 2021	As close to statutory deadline as possible	April 26, 2021
Delivery Redistricting Data	By Statutory Deadline: March 30, 2021	Deliver by July 31, 2021	As close to statutory deadline as possible	August 12, 2021

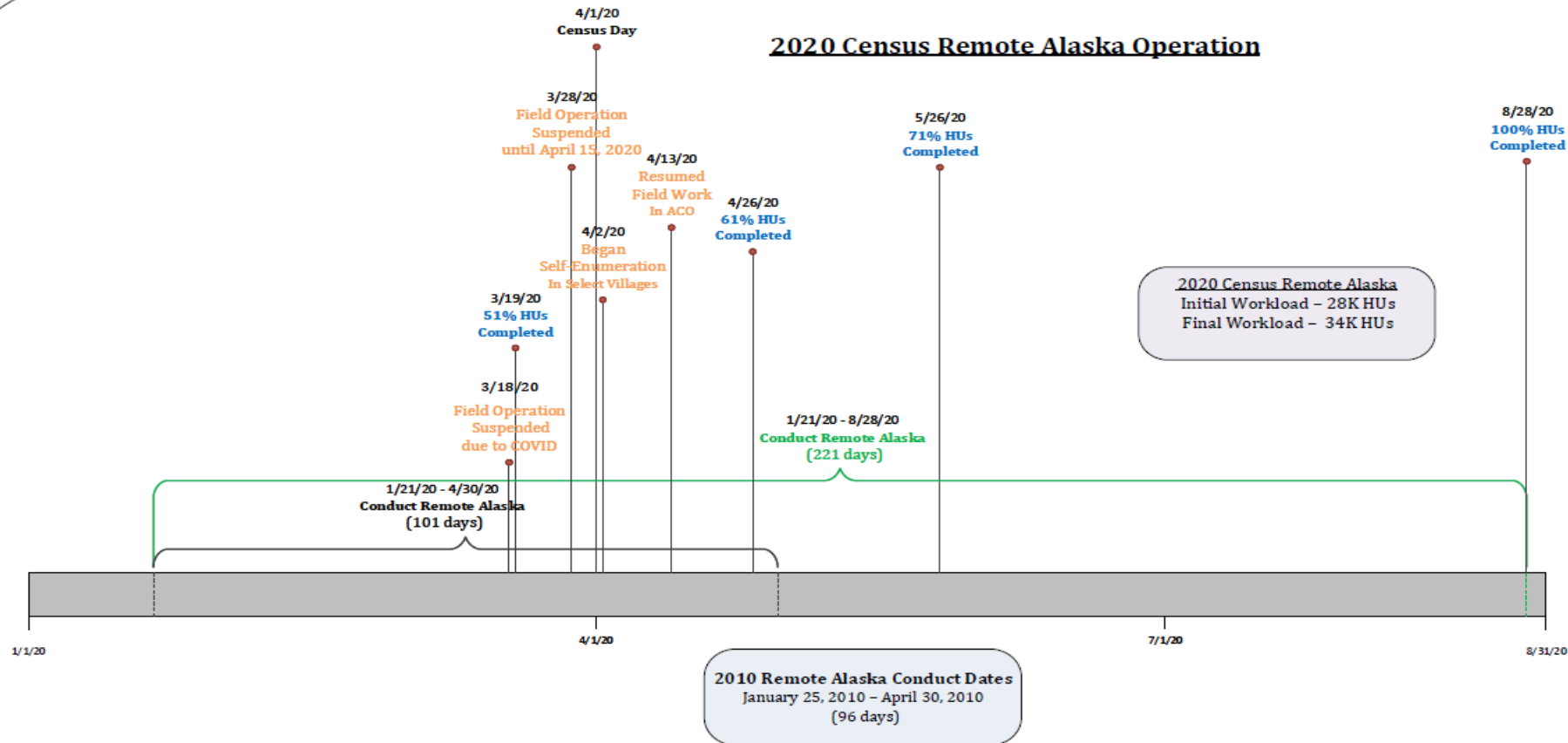
* From Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2020, end date was Oct. 5, 2020

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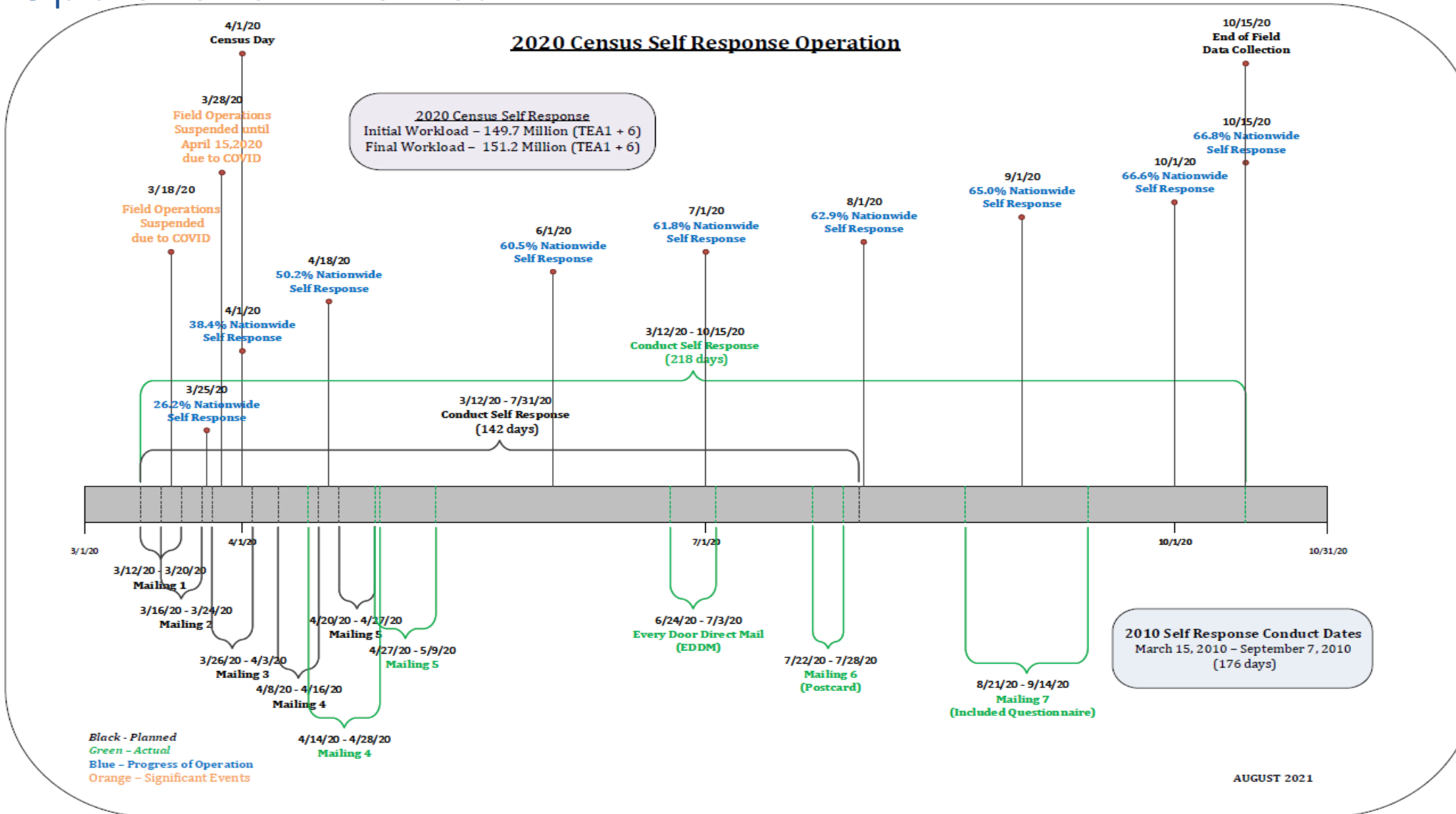
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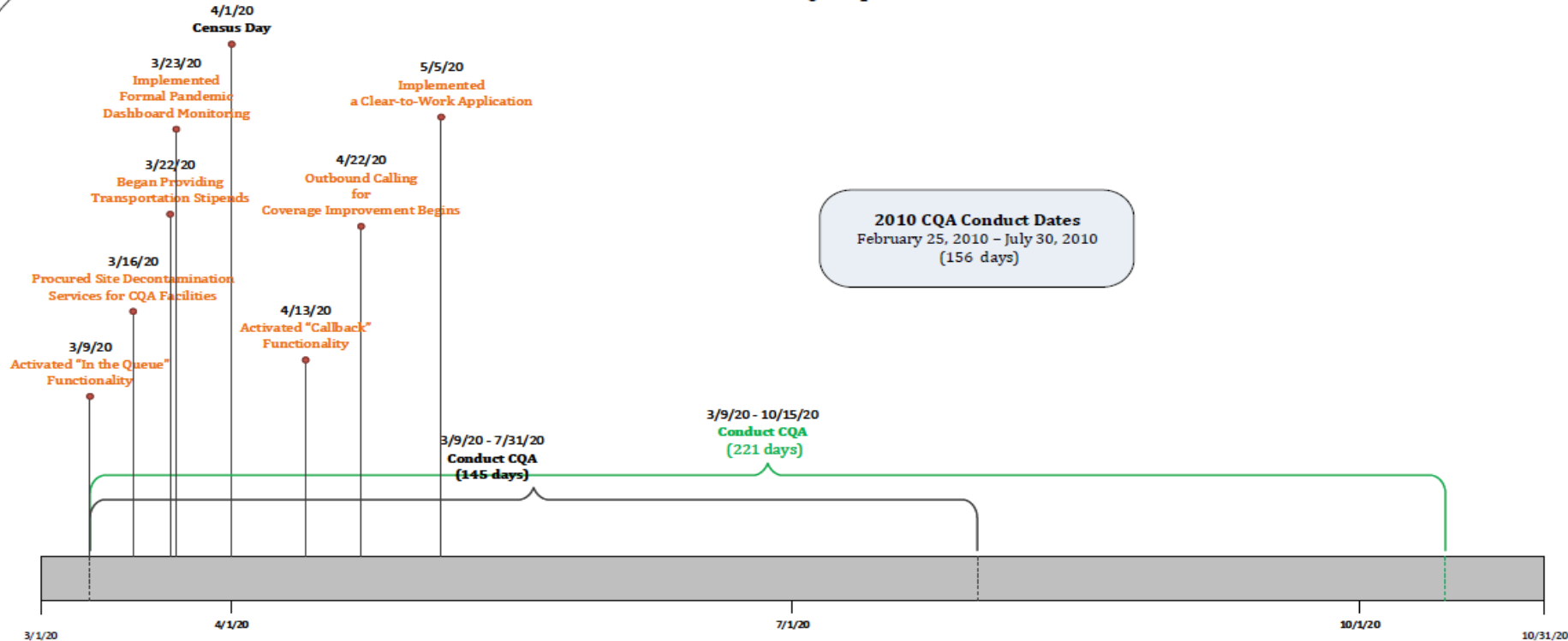
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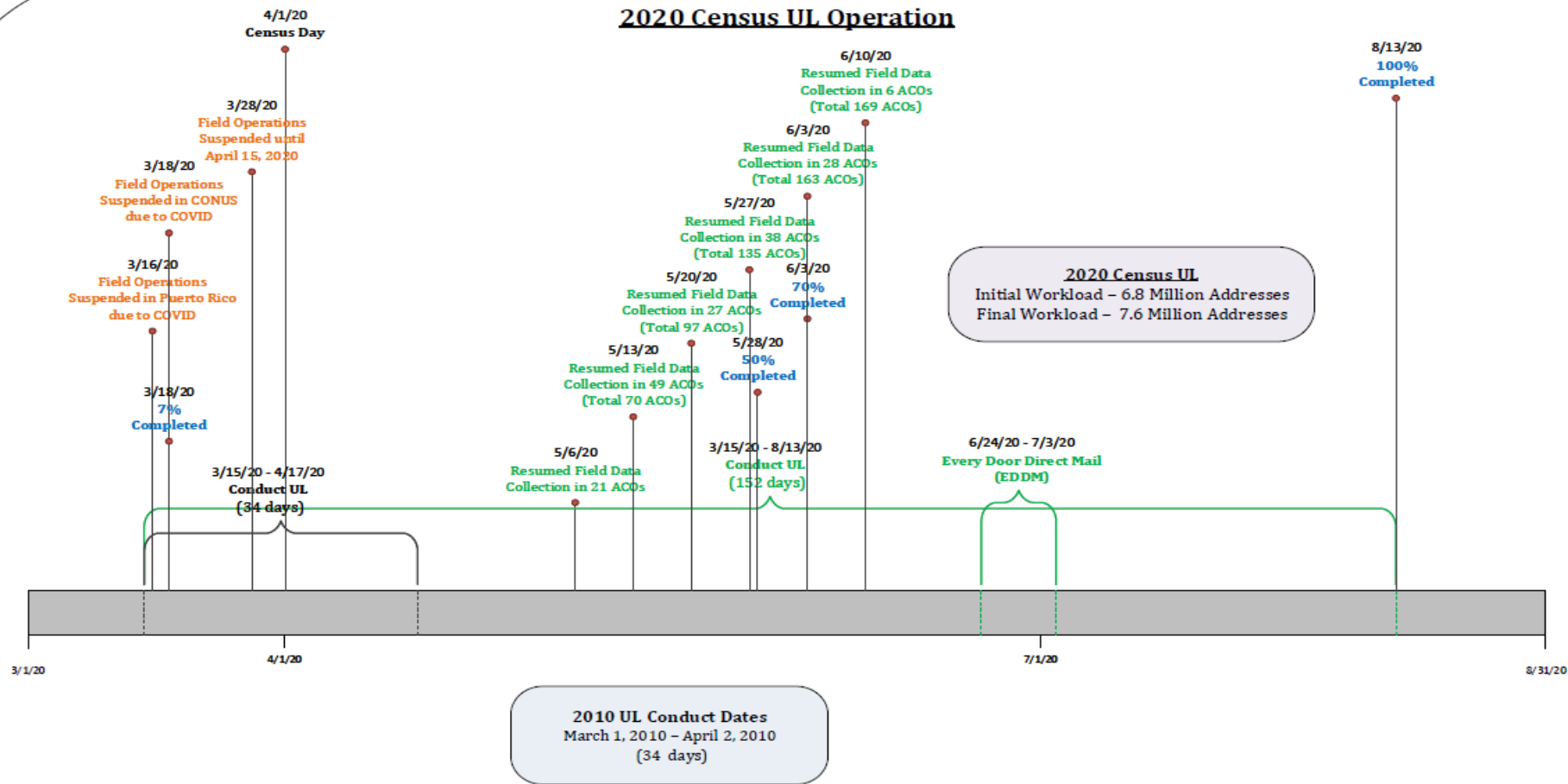


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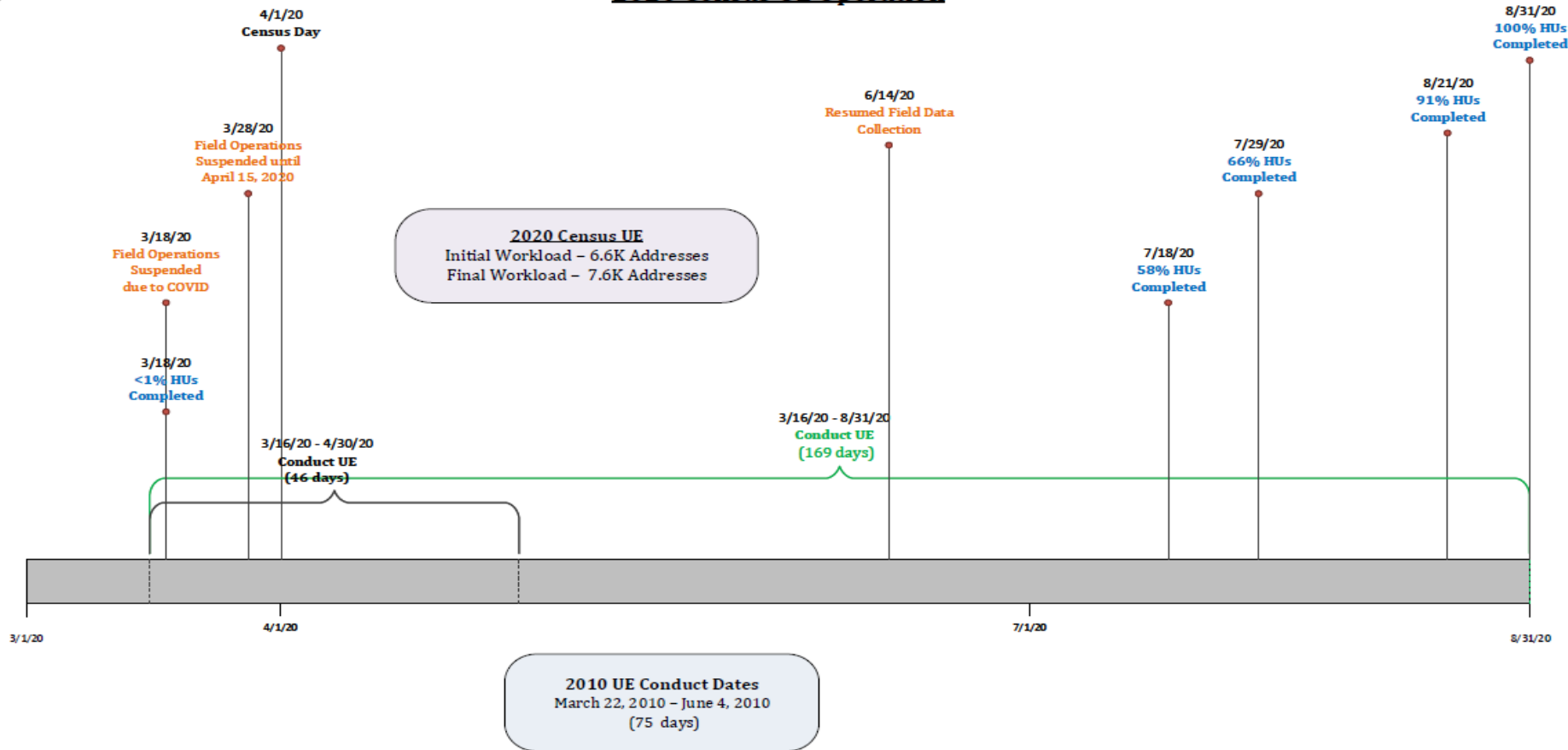


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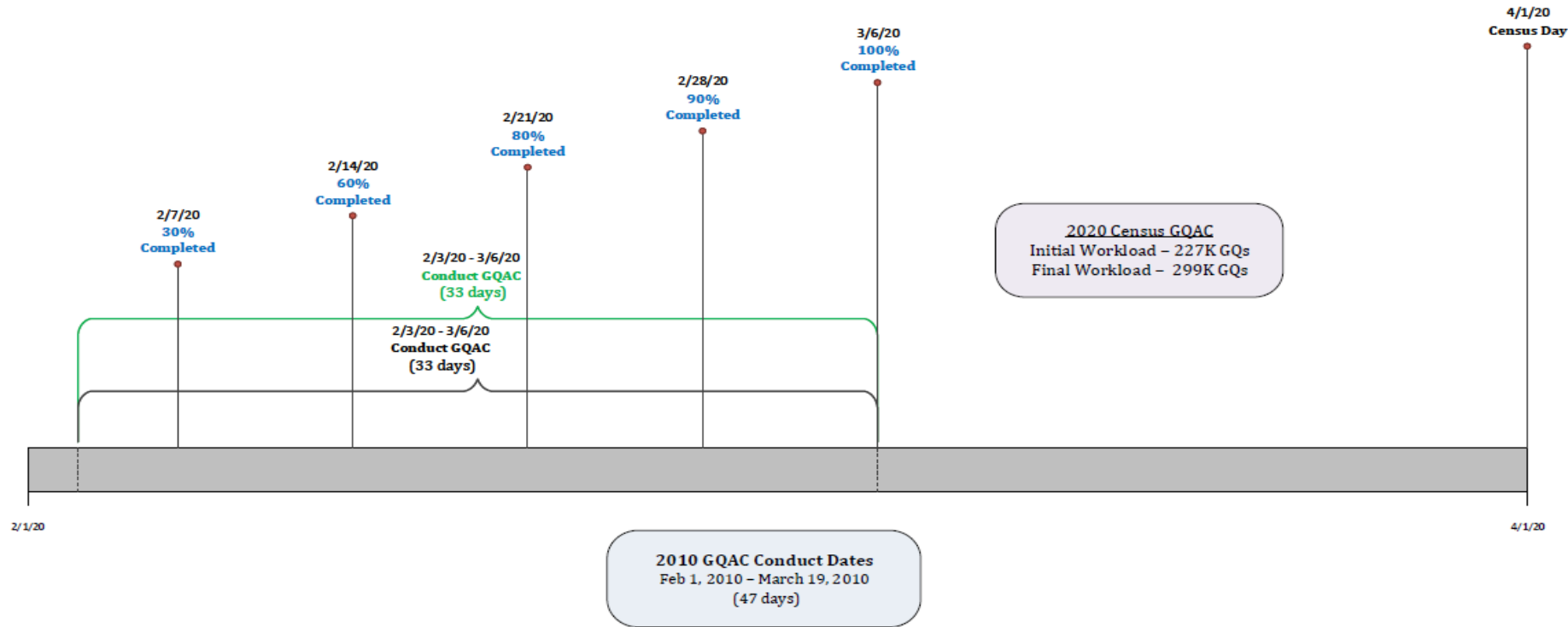


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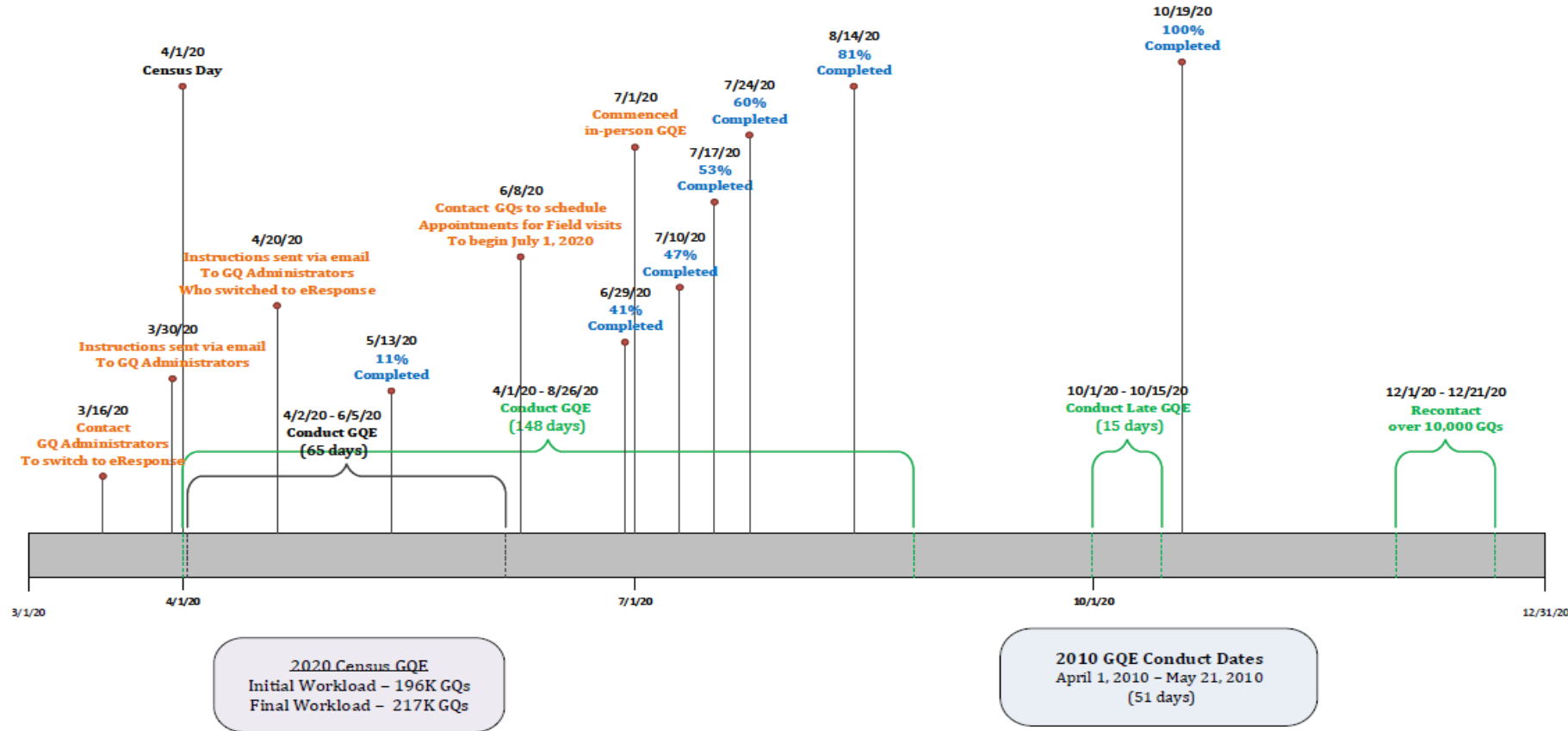


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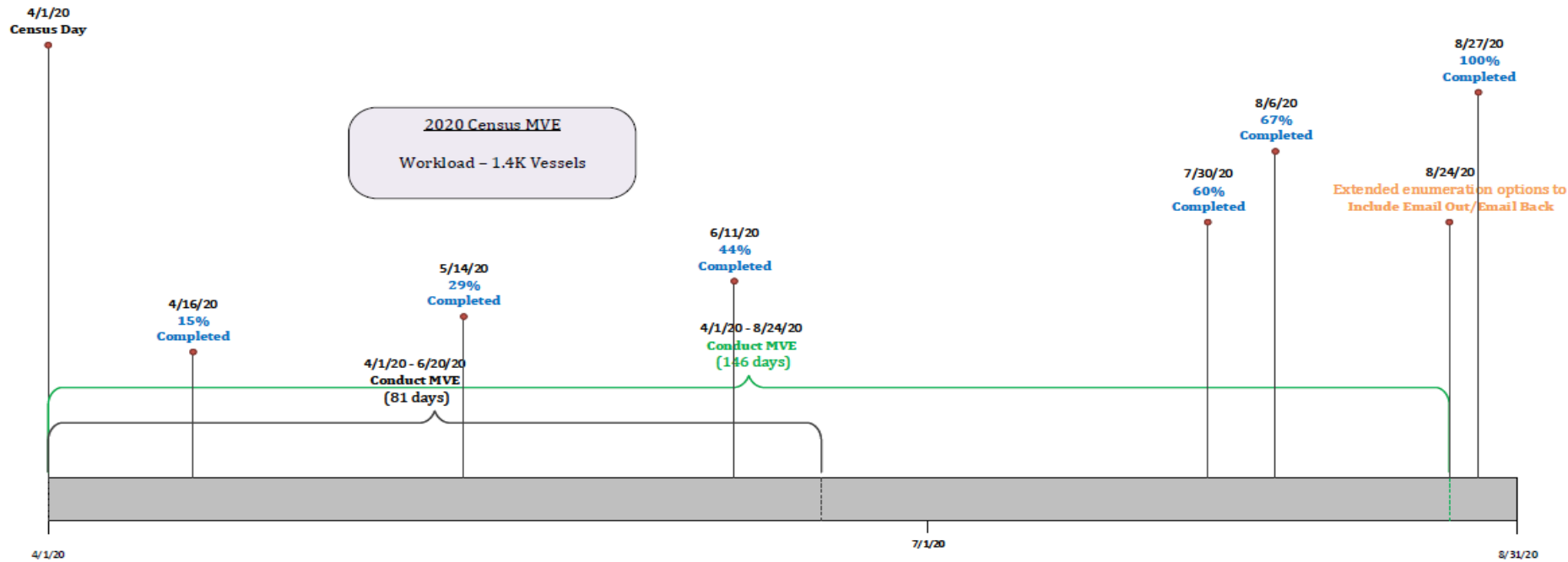
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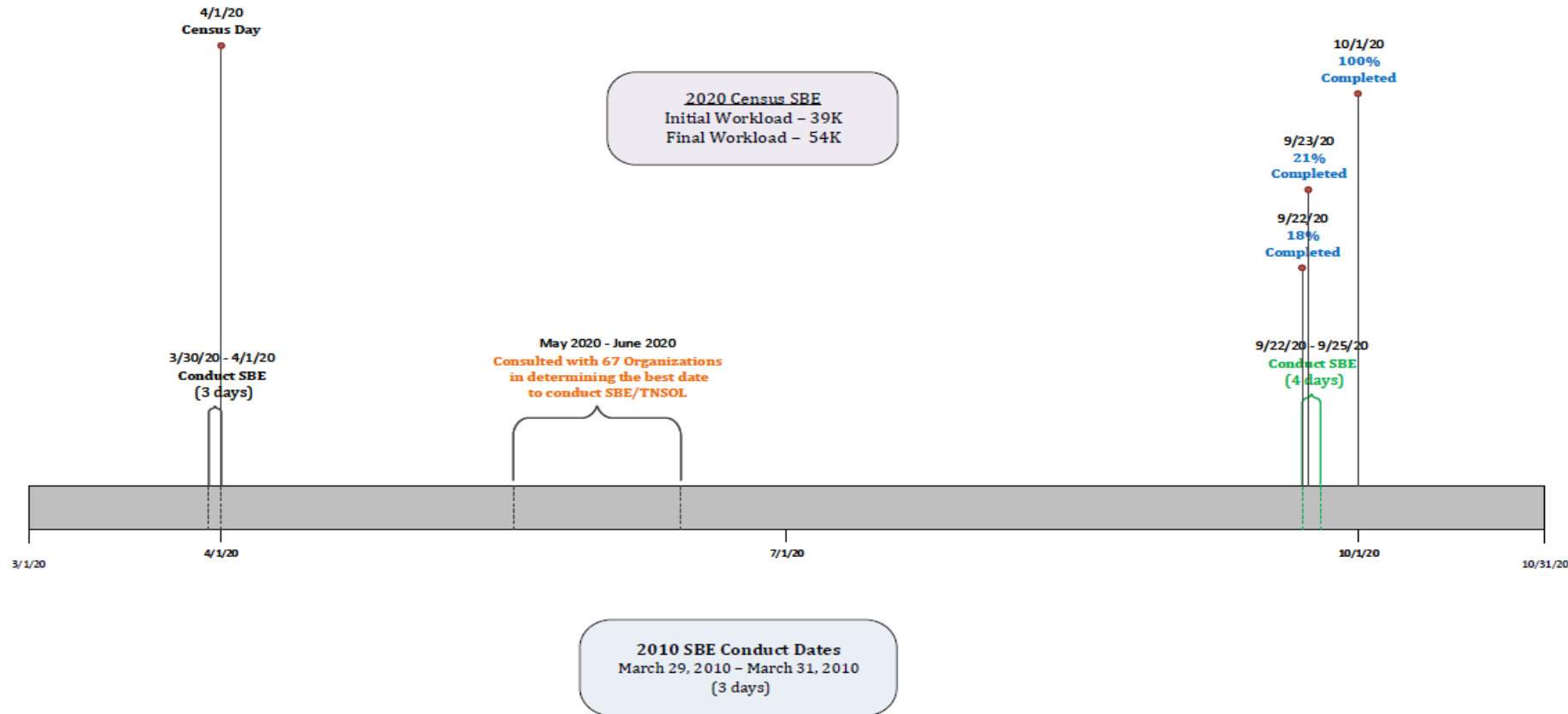


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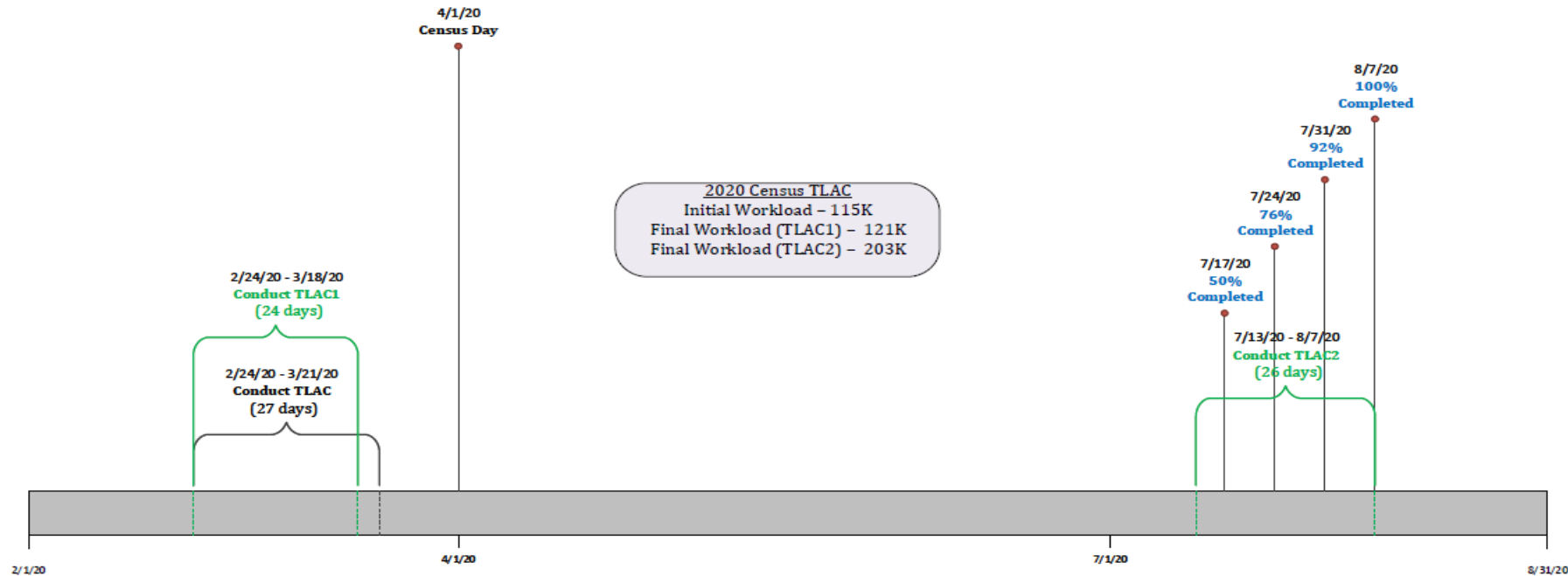


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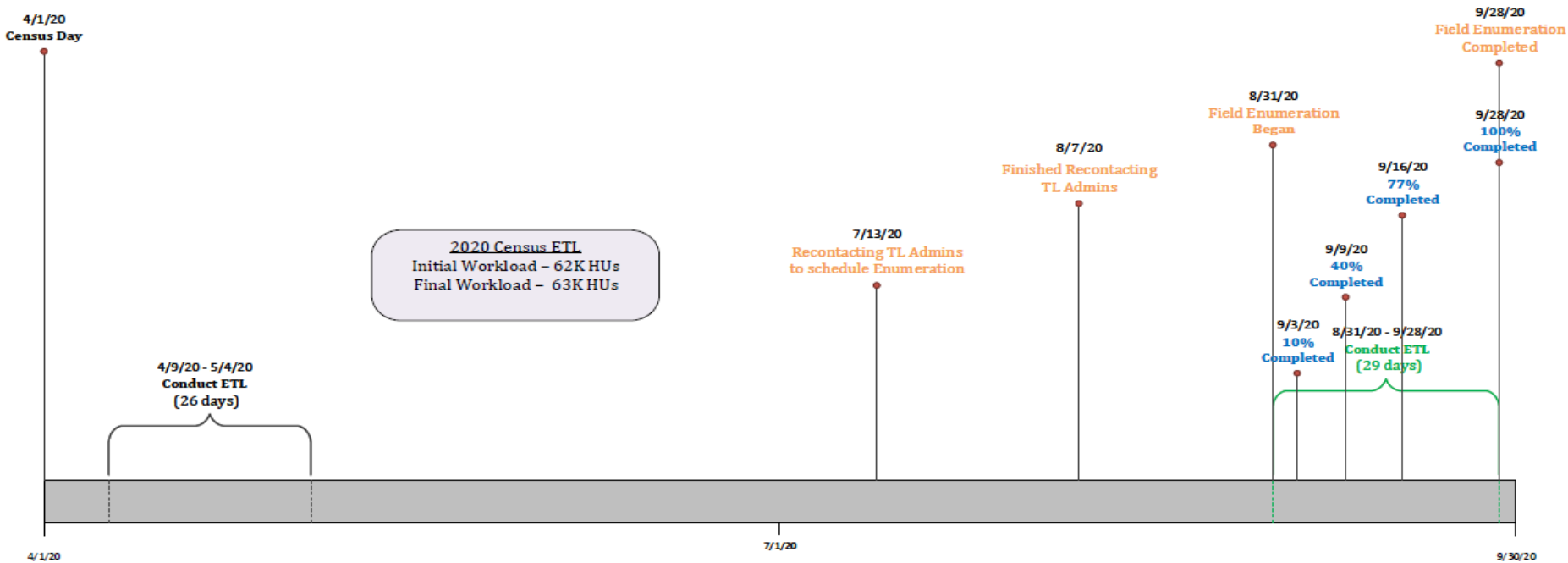
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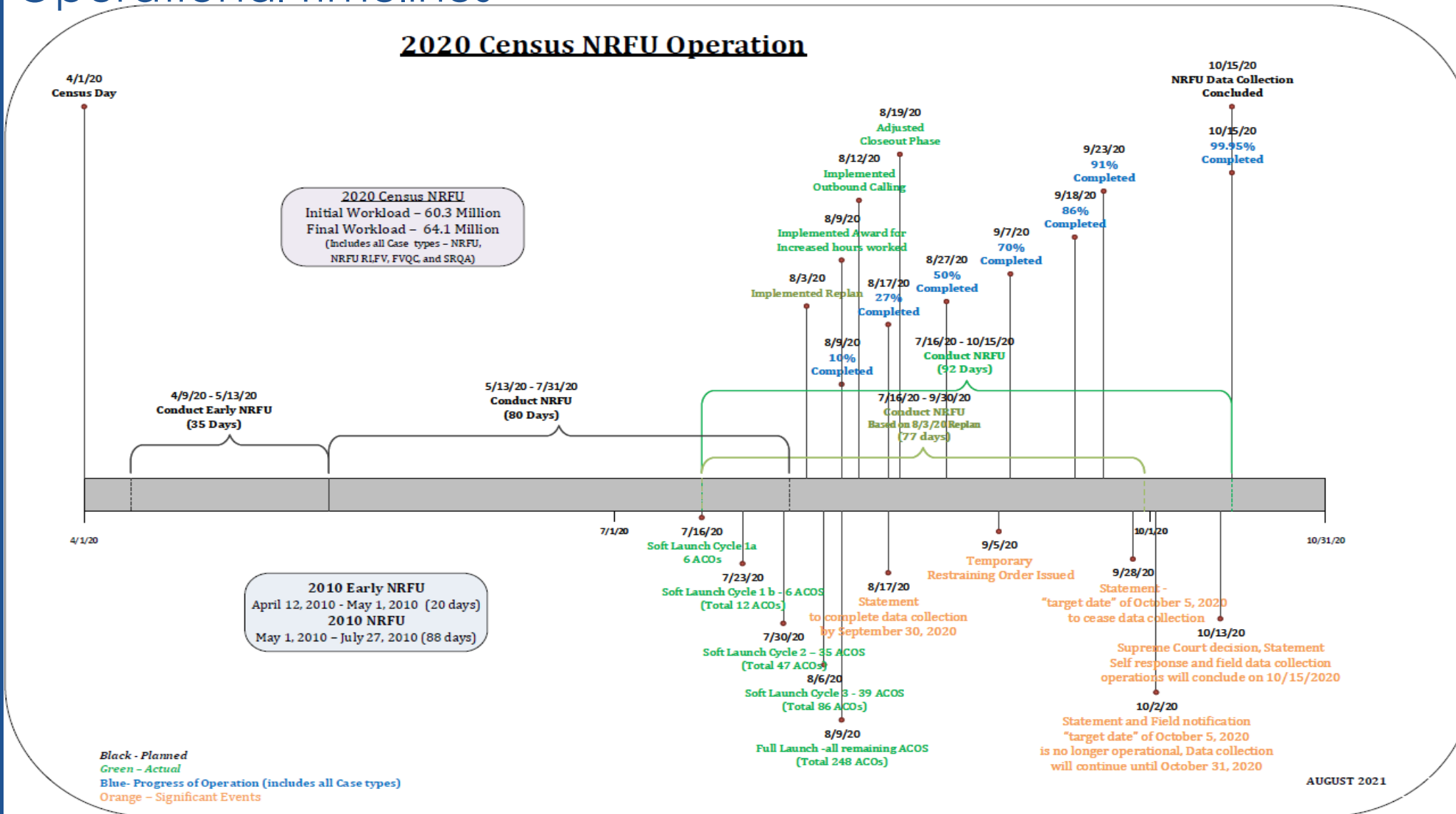
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Planned and Actual Processing Schedule

Processing Step	Planned Dates	Actual Dates
Decennial Response File 1 (DRF1)	September 15, 2020 – October 15	October 29, 2020 – December 26
Decennial Response File 2 (DRF2)	October 16 – November 7	December 26 – February 24, 2021
Census Unedited File (CUF)	November 8 – December 5	February 25 – March 10
Apportionment Preparation and Release	December 6 – December 27	March 12 – April 26
Census Edited File (CEF)	November 25 – January 26, 2021	April 20 – June 24
Disclosure Avoidance Application/Microdata Detail File	January 26 – February 10	June 25 – July 18
Tabulation File Processing	February 10 – March 19	July 19 – August 12
Redistricting Preparation and Release	February 17 – March 31	August 13 – September 30

Questions