

DHC Feedback and Demographic Programs

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Turning Feedback in Action, Preparing for the Second Round of DHC

1. Redistricting dataset “tuned” for redistricting. How does that impact the DHC
2. Summary metrics were helpful but focused highly on central tendency vs the distribution or outliers
 1. Outliers are communities and people - not just cells in a spreadsheet
 2. Smaller communities were the outlier, smaller communities lack resources
3. Very difficult to analyze the DHC demonstration data. Again, entities with resources were more likely to have staff and provide feedback.
4. Communicate what the different runs are “tuned” to, and the impact each time.
5. How are you communicating what tables have been added back into the DHC?
6. Small geographies like blocks and block groups is one of the primary benefits to the Decennial Census. Doesn’t exist elsewhere. How are small geographies and small numbers being prioritized?
7. Many entities evaluate and control their small area estimates and forecasts based on the Census Count because it had been seen as the “gold standard”.
8. Appreciate the efforts and the honesty on the slides mentioning how Census has been Successful and Less Successful.

Status Update on the Population Estimates

1. Regarding V2022 Using GQ and Household pop from Census 2020 at county level
 - Be open to evaluation before using.
 - GQ especially
 - Counties smaller than 1,000 in pop?? Get feedback.
2. Think about base population updates and communication and impact
 - The significant difference between the Census 2020 counts and the V2021 base for 2020 were a surprise for many users. Funding formulas etc impacted.
 - Winners and losers
3. DP and Population Estimates – If you use the Census Edited File will the base change each year based on different noise each year?
 - Explaining different noise each year will be very difficult.
 - It was hard enough last decade with just revised births, deaths, or net migration numbers.
4. Why does DP need to be applied to population estimates?
 - What re-identification studies and results have been done and released?
 - This has not been communicated to your primary users like FSCPE and SDCs very well. What about general public?