



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

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

As we continue to finalize plans to produce and disseminate 2020 Census data products, I respectfully request your tribe's participation in a national tribal consultation webinar on Monday, September 19, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time. To prepare for this tribal consultation, the U.S. Census Bureau held a tribal listening session on August 18, 2022. At that session, we presented information to help prepare tribes to provide feedback at this consultation.

In August, the Census Bureau released an updated 2010 Demonstration Data Product for the Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC). The DHC, successor to the "Summary File 1" in previous censuses, will provide demographic and housing characteristics, including sex, age, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, relationship to householder, household type, housing tenure and occupancy. Some characteristics are repeated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) race and ethnicity categories for the household and group quarters population.

As with previous DHC demonstration data, the product applies the current iteration of the disclosure avoidance system (DAS) to 2010 Census data. This allows a side-by-side comparison and analysis of the impact of this version of the DAS against the published 2010 Census tables.

This is the final round of 2010 demonstration data for the DHC. Your feedback will help determine the final disclosure protection settings for the 2020 DHC, which is scheduled for release in May 2023. We are providing for your review, materials presented at the August 18, 2022, tribal listening session as well as specific questions that we will request your feedback on during the September tribal consultation webinar.

During this final round of evaluation and feedback, we ask that you identify tables and geographies that have numeric differences that would impact your use of the data. For example, are the differences between the demonstration data and 2010 Census data acceptable or unacceptable? If unacceptable, please provide an acceptable level of accuracy when possible. We also want to hear your questions and concerns about how these changes might impact your work.

We value your tribe's participation in this tribal consultation. If you would like staff assistance with this demonstration data product, please let us know and we can provide some time to discuss it in detail with you.

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Note, we are currently preparing for in-person tribal consultations this October on the Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics Files A and B (Detailed DHC-A and Detailed DHC-B). These data products include population counts and characteristic data for detailed racial and ethnic groups as well as American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and village populations. We will send an invitation letter and Federal Register Notice providing more information on these tribal consultation dates and locations as soon as that information is finalized.

**National Webinar**


**DATE:** Monday, September 19, 2022      **TIME:** 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

The Census Bureau tribal consultation webinar meeting will be held via the Microsoft Teams platform at the following presentation [link](#):

<https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/8RanOlnzkGlMEfRgxPGAaw,TIJcpXM2nESpQgaKulF03g,rT1DtLbTwkezvnebFVFaoQ,iUFZ8p48HkiUQKd6kUDang,Eg0luHKaP0K4SQLlrkwJpg,STi-JWx-hUaO3gRjCnuT8Q?mode=read&tenantId=3aa716f1-e559-41ce-a530-47d18313c603&webinarRing=gcc>

If you have any questions prior to the webinar or consultations, please contact our Tribal Affairs Coordinator, Dee Alexander, at 301-763-9335, or [OCIA.TAO@census.gov](mailto:OCIA.TAO@census.gov).

Sincerely,



Robert L. Santos  
Director

Enclosures