

Impact of COVID-19 on:

2020 CENSUS DATA & REDISTRICTING

The Census Bureau has announced significant operational changes in the wake of COVID-19. Here are the implications of these potential changes on census, apportionment, redistricting and elections.

Census Timeline Changes:

Enumeration:

Revised Schedule
Mar. 12 – Oct. 15, 2020

Apportionment Data:

Revised Schedule
April 30, 2021

Redistricting Data:

Revised Schedule
September 30, 2021

Redistricting Impacts to Timeline Changes:

2 states, New Jersey and Virginia, have state legislative elections in 2021 that will take place before they receive census data, so they will use existing district lines for those elections. Both states will redraw state legislative districts using updated census data in time for 2023 elections.

13 states have redistricting deadlines before September 30, 2021 (9 states* have an explicit deadline and 4 require redistricting to be completed in legislative sessions that end before September 30, 2021).
(AR*, CO*, CT*, DE*, HI*, IA*, ME*, NV, NH, ND, OK, OR*, VT*)

10 states have candidate filing deadlines before March 1, 2022, which places pressure on the redistricting schedule (5 states* have a redistricting deadline and candidate filing issue and 5 states have an early candidate filing issue).
(AL*, IL*, IN*, KY, MD, NE, NC, OH*, TX*, WV)

