COVID-19 Impact — 2020 Census

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted operations, temporarily ceasing all field activities. Although the Bureau began a phased reopening of activities in early May, the operational timeline has been pushed back by three months. Delaying the delivery of redistricting data to the states would impact Iowa's congressional and legislative redistricting timeline. The Iowa Legislative Services Agency has **45 days** to deliver a redistricting plan to the Legislature following the receipt of the P.L.94-171 redistricting data.

Census Operational Timeline Adjustments

Data Collection Process
- Self-Response Phase continues through the data collection process, including online, phone, and mailed self-responses.
- Nonresponse Followup Phase — Census takers interview households in person. Planned to begin May 13, now **August 11, 2020**.
- Data collection planned to cease July 31 — revised to **October 31, 2020**.

Deliver Apportionment Counts to the President:
- On or before Dec. 31, 2020 — revised to on or before **April 30, 2021**.

Deliver Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) to States:
- On or before April 1, 2021 — revised to on or before **July 31, 2021**.

2020 Census Response Rates — As of May 27, 2020

The 2020 Decennial Census is underway with over 60.3% of American households and over 67.0% of Iowa households responding. The State Complete Count Committee has launched a "Key to the Future" response rate challenge for all of Iowa's 928 cities and 99 counties to boost their 2020 Census response rate.

State Self-Response Rates — As of May 27, 2020

- **National Self-Response Rate**
  - 60.3%
- **Iowa Self-Response Rate**
  - 67.0%
- **Iowa's 2010 Self-Response Rate**
  - 73.0%

Top Five State Self-Response Rates:
1. Minnesota - 70.1%
2. Wisconsin - 67.5%
3. Iowa - 67.0%
4. Michigan - 66.8%
5. Nebraska - 66.5%

Top Five Response Rates for Tier 1 Cities Under 5,000 Pop.:
1. Balltown - 93.9% (2 ranking for U.S. cities)
2. Oakland Acres - 88.1%
3. Graf - 86.2%
4. Westwood - 85.4%
5. Gilbertville - 84.8%

Top Five Response Rates for Tier 2 Cities 5,000-50,000 Pop:
1. Asbury - 82.9%
2. (tie) Orange City, Eldridge - 79.9%
3. DeWitt - 77.5%
4. Bettendorf - 76.7%
5. Urbandale - 76.4%

Top Five Response Rates for Tier 3 Cities Over 50,000 Pop:
1. Ankeny - 74.8%
2. Cedar Rapids - 69.5%
3. West Des Moines - 68.7%
4. Dubuque - 66.1%
5. (tie) Davenport, Council Bluffs - 65.1%


Source: U.S. Census Bureau
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