

RELEASE OF PL 94-171 POPULATION DATA

On February 10, 2011, the Governor and legislative leaders received Iowa's official population data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The release of redistricting data to Iowa triggers Iowa's statutory timetable for the completion of legislative and congressional redistricting. The U.S. Census Bureau, having been notified of Iowa's receipt of the redistricting population data, will make the Iowa population data available on [American FactFinder](#), the Census Bureau's online data search tool. In addition, the [State Data Center](#) for Iowa has a web site with information on the population data released by the Census Bureau.

OFFICIAL TIMETABLE FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING.

Based upon the release of the official PL 94-171 population data on February 10, 2011, and the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 42, the Legislative Services Agency is now required to submit a congressional and legislative redistricting plan to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2011. Legislative leaders have been notified that the Legislative Services Agency will deliver the first proposed redistricting plan by March 31, 2011. If the first plan is not enacted into law, the Legislative Services Agency has 35 days after the plan is rejected to submit a second plan to the General Assembly. If the second plan is also not enacted into law, the Legislative Services Agency has 35 days after the second plan is rejected to submit a third plan to the General Assembly. The third plan, unlike the first two plans submitted to the General Assembly, is subject to amendment. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a legislative redistricting plan by September 1, 2011, or a legislative redistricting plan is not enacted by September 15, 2011, the Iowa Constitution directs the Iowa Supreme Court to redraw Iowa's legislative district boundaries.

IDEAL POPULATION SIZE FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN IOWA

The U.S. Census Bureau has determined that the total resident population of Iowa as of April 1, 2010 is 3,046,355 persons. Based on this total population figure, the ideal population for each of Iowa's four congressional districts is 761,589 persons. For each of Iowa's 50 senate districts, the ideal population size is 60,927 persons, and for each of Iowa's 100 representative districts, the ideal population size is 30,464 persons.