



Census Update

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Proposed Census Rule

- On September 10, Census Bureau proposed new rule
- Would exclude broad categories of noncitizens from the count
- Would change definition of “usual residence” in ways that could affect count of seasonal or part-time residents or students
- Would eliminate collection of demographic data on race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation
- Comment period will close on November 2

Possible Effects on ARC

- ▮ **Funding and Representation:** Federal funding formulas, redistricting, and civil-rights compliance
- ▮ **Transportation and Housing:** Traffic and air quality modeling, transit planning, and Regional Housing Strategy tracking
- ▮ **Water and Natural Resources:** Per-capita water use calculations and future allocations
- ▮ **Aging and Workforce:** Funding allocations, program eligibility, and the demographic data behind U.S. DOL projections
- ▮ **Homeland Security:** Risk assessments, resource allocation, and emergency planning
- ▮ **Research:** Data quality, long-term trend analysis, including Opportunity Rising



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