

PARTICIPANT STATISTICAL AREAS PROGRAM (PSAP) FOR CENSUS 2020

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Small Geography Delineation Program

Beginning with Census 2020, Census Bureau will no longer provide data by Census TAZ. Census TAZ/PSAP will be one process.

- Standard Block Groups
 - Population/Housing Unit Criteria:
 - Population: Minimum 600/Maximum 3,000
 - Housing Unit: Minimum: 240/Maximum: 1,200
 - Smallest area for which demographic characteristics are produced from the American Community Survey (ACS).
- Special Use Block Groups
 - Population Threshold - Little/None or must be within the standard block group threshold.
 - Area criteria will be relaxed.

Why Participate in PSAP 2020?

- Only opportunity to review and update statistical areas before 2020 Census.
 - Census Bureau uses statistical areas defined for 2020 Census for ACS tabulations throughout the decade.
- Special-use Block Groups allow for separation of high employment zones from high population zones – allowing for more accurate travel models.
- Regional TAZ geography is used by local jurisdictions to forecast population, household, and employment growth throughout the region.
- Nesting Block Groups and TAZs provides a common and persistent geography by which to analyze trends.

Goal is TAZ-Block Group 1 to 1 or Nesting

Without nesting, unnecessary approximations are needed to allocate data to the correct zone.



TAZ = Block Group



TAZ =
2+ Block Groups



Block Group =
2+ TAZs

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PSAP Participants

Primary Participating Organization (PPO)

- Single point of contact for participation area
 - Performs outreach to stakeholders
 - Can designate a Primary Participating Technical Lead (PPT)
 - Invitations were sent out during the summer

Primary Participating Technical Lead (PPT)

- Performs delineation if designated by PPO

2020 PSAP Program

PSAP allows invited participants to review and update selected statistical area boundaries for 2020 Census data tabulation.

Washington DC - Joy Phillips

Arlington County - Elizabeth Hardy

Alexandria - Steven Chozick

Montgomery County - Apollo Teng

Prince George's County - Phil Taylor

Charles County – Jesse Ash

Frederick County - Mary McCullough

Fairfax County - Fatima Khaja

City of Fairfax - Eric Forman

Falls Church -

Loudoun County – Doug Gibson

Prince William County - Brian Englemann

Manassas – Elizabeth Via

Manassas Park - Michelle Berry

Fauquier County -

PSAP 2020 Timeline

- November/December 2018 - Census preliminary outreach to PSAP participants
- January 2019 – Census PSAP phase begins, participants have 120 days to delineate zones (Federal shutdown – dates may change)
- January 2019 – PSAP webinar trainings begin (Federal shutdown – dates may change)
- January 2019 – COG/TPB staff will finalize a single set of TAZ boundaries
- January 2019 (after federal shutdown) – Working group meeting to develop strategies for aligning block groups with TAZs
- February 2019 – PSAP training
- July 2019 – PSAP delineation phase closeout
- January 2020 – PSAP verification phase begins, participants have 90 days to review updates.

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