2020 CENSUS UPDATE PROGRAMS

COUNT QUESTION RESOLUTION
PUBLIC USE MICRODATA AREA (PUMA)

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DECENNIAL CENSUS PROGRAMS FOR ACCURATE COVERAGE

- Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

  https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/luca.html

- Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)

  https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/psap.html

- New Construction Program

  https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/new-construction.html

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DECENNIAL CENSUS PROGRAMS FOR ERROR CORRECTION

- Count Question Resolution (CQR)

- Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR)

https://www.regulations.gov/document/USBC-2021-0025-0001

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CENSUS COUNT QUESTION RESOLUTION

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SCHEDULE FOR COUNT QUESTION RESOLUTION (CQR)

September 2021

Census counts published

December 2021

Census Bureau officially announces the program.

January 3, 2022

Census Bureau begins accepting and researching case submissions from eligible GU's

February 2022

Maryland State Data Center hosts online CQR workshop

June 30, 2023

Census Bureau stops accepting cases

September 2023

Census Bureau provides results to impacted governmental units (GU's)

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DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA IS NOT PERFECT

The leading causes of inaccuracies and errors are:

Within scope of Count Question Resolution (CQR)

a)   Boundary errors:

erroneous boundary lines which result in miscalculations of county and municipal population totals

b)   Geolocation errors:

address points mis-assigned to wrong blocks

c)   Coverage errors:

Coverage of residential addresses or GQs – if Census missed, then uncounted

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DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA IS NOT PERFECT

The leading causes of inaccuracies and errors are:

Not Within scope of Count Question Resolution (CQR)

a) Census Bureau processing

secondary sources, data-mining, or imputation for addresses not participating – this can cause undercounts (or overcounts)
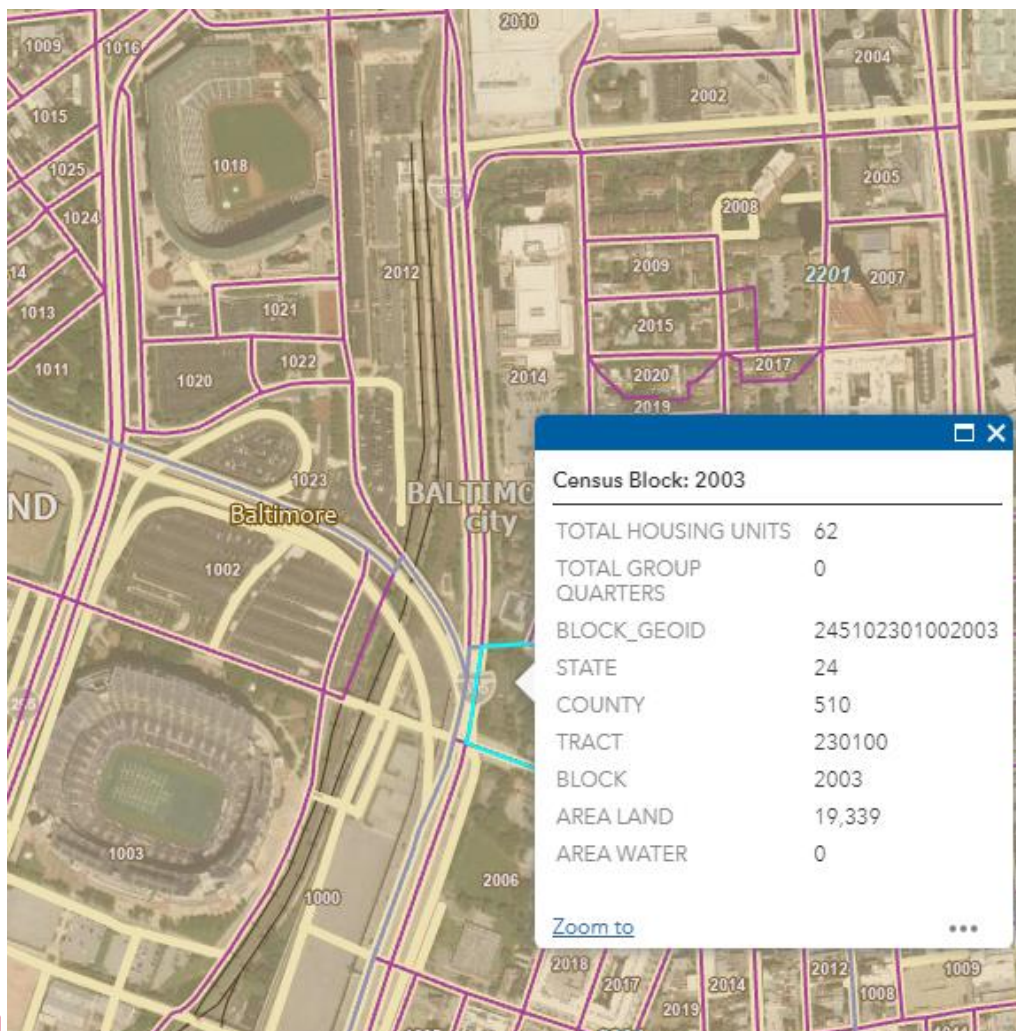
b) Respondent errors

this can cause undercounts (or overcounts)

c) Disclosure Avoidance Systems

distortions introduced to the summary tables in order to frustrate the personal identifiability of population characteristics – causes slight inaccuracy

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GIS DATA ON BLOCK BOUNDARIES

Population by race for blocks, block groups, tracts, municipalities and county geographies:

- https://planning.maryland.gov/MSDC/Pages/census/Census2020/pL_2020redistricting.aspx
- "True" boundaries maintained by County GIS departments

2020 Census boundaries, any state or county:

- tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb2020/

2020 Census Address Count Listing Viewer:

- www.census.gov/data/data-tools.html

COMPARE VALIDATION DATASET WITH CENSUS HOUSING UNIT COUNTS

For valid comparison:

- Include only Residential addresses/units
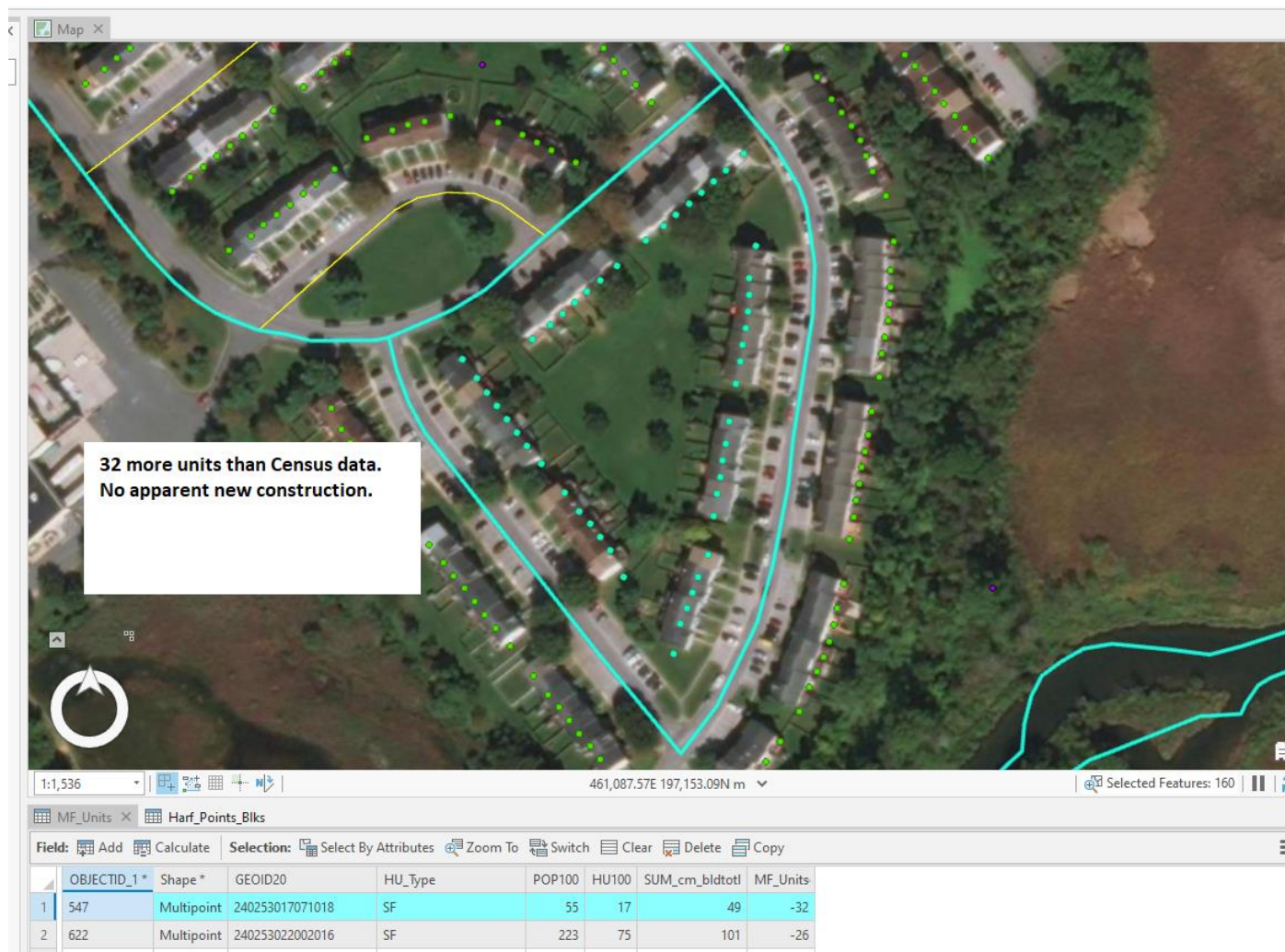
COMPARE VALIDATION DATASET WITH CENSUS HOUSING UNITS

For valid comparison:
- Exclude addresses too new to count

26 more units than Census. Visible new housing construction.

COMPARE VALIDATION DATASET WITH CENSUS HOUSING UNITS

For valid comparison:

- Merits investigation: Was there an undercount? Are these apartment properties or subdivisions that Census missed?

GUIDANCE ON CQR PROCESS

- Tribal, state, and local governments [should] review published 2020 Census results.

- If governmental units (GU's) suspect errors with boundaries or housing counts by block, GU may file a CQR case.

- Upon receipt of case by CQR staff, case materials are reviewed for correctness and completeness.

- CQR staff determines whether case is in-scope.

- In-scope cases are sent to Census staff for research and resolution.

- Census staff review 2020 Census enumeration and processing records in conjunction with the evidence supplied with the case.
  - If no processing errors are found, there will be no updates and the case is closed.
  - If processing errors are found, they are addressed within Census Bureau records and systems.

- The Census Bureau provides the disposition for each CQR case to the highest elected official(s) of all impacted government(s) via a determination letter, and posts any revised housing and population counts for each affected census block as errata on the 2020 CQR website

Source: Matthew Frates, CQR Program, Census Bureau

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COUNT QUESTION RESOLUTION

- Census will issue *errata* notices, all corrections, by Sept. 30, 2023

  - Data sets published on data.census.gov will *still* be in circulation

  - No changes to redistricting

  - But corrected numbers will be in the "base data" used for annual population estimates – which in turn informs budget and resource allocations, etc.

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED

Maryland State Data Center offers

- Training, technical assistance, supporting data resources
- Tentatively anticipate hosting a workshop on the Count Question Resolution and the Post-Census Group Quarters Review.
- February 2022

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POST-CENSUS GROUP QUARTERS REVIEW

- Census received several comments to address errors in the GQ count as part of the CQR process.

- As this was not feasible, a new program was launched.

- No formal schedule for the PCGQR has been made available.

- The Census Bureau will conduct a PCGQR to collect information and incorporate all 2020 PCGQR revisions into supporting programs: intercensal population estimates and American Community Survey in 2022. Results will also be posted on the Census Bureau 2020 PCGQR website.

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PUBLIC USE MICRODATA SAMPLE
AND
PUBLIC USE MICRODATA AREAS

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2020 CENSUS PUBLIC USE MICRODATA SAMPLE (PUMS)

- What are the PUMS files?

  - The U. S. Census Bureau's Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files are a set of records from individual people or housing units.

  - PUMS files incorporate disclosure protection so that individuals or housing units cannot be identified.

PUMS GEOGRAPHIES

Data are available for specified geographies:

- U. S. Regions

- U. S. Divisions

- States

- Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs)

  - PUMAs have a minimum population threshold of 100,000 persons

  - PUMAs are the smallest geography for which PUMS data are available

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SCHEDULE FOR DELINEATING PUMAS

Summer 2021

Final 2020 PUMA criteria posted to Census web page.

September 2021

Census Bureau officially announces the program.

Fall 2021

Census Bureau conducts training online (Oct. 6th, Oct. 27th and Dec. 15th)

November 7, 2021

Maryland State Data Center hosts online PUMA workshop

November 2021 - December 2021

Maryland jurisdictions invited to submit updated PUMA delineations to State Data Center

December 2021 - January 2022

State Data Center to review submissions and send PUMA updates to Bureau

Summer 2022

Final 2020 PUMAs and their associated data are made available online

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MARYLAND JURISDICTION POPULATION 2020 AND 2010

JURISDICTION	CENSUS 2020	CENSUS 2010	CHANGE Net	CHANGE Percent
MARYLAND	6,177,224	5,773,552	403,672	7.0%
Allegany	68,106	75,087	-6,981	-9.3%
Anne Arundel	588,261	537,656	50,605	9.4%
Baltimore City	585,708	620,961	-35,253	-5.7%
Baltimore County	854,535	805,029	49,506	6.1%
Calvert	92,783	88,737	4,046	4.6%
Caroline	33,293	33,066	227	0.7%
Carroll	172,891	167,134	5,757	3.4%
Cecil	103,725	101,108	2,617	2.6%
Charles	166,617	146,551	20,066	13.7%
Dorchester	32,531	32,618	-87	-0.3%
Frederick	271,717	233,385	38,332	16.4%
Garrett	28,806	30,097	-1,291	-4.3%
Harford	260,924	244,826	16,098	6.6%
Howard	332,317	287,085	45,232	15.8%
Kent	19,198	20,197	-999	-4.9%
Montgomery	1,062,061	971,777	90,284	9.3%
Prince George's	967,201	863,420	103,781	12.0%
Queen Anne's	49,874	47,798	2,076	4.3%
St. Mary's	113,777	105,151	8,626	8.2%
Somerset	24,620	26,470	-1,850	-7.0%
Talbot	37,526	37,782	-256	-0.7%
Washington	154,705	147,430	7,275	4.9%
Wicomico	103,588	98,733	4,855	4.9%
Worcester	52,460	51,454	1,006	2.0%

MARYLAND 2010 PUMAS AND POTENTIAL 2020 PUMAS

JURISDICTION	CENSUS 2020	CENSUS 2010	2010 PUMA Count	Potential 2020 PUMA Count	2020 POTENTIAL PUMA TYPE Single	Multi	PUMA part
MARYLAND	6,177,224	5,773,552	44	61	6	8	
Allegany	68,106	75,087	0.5	pt			X
Anne Arundel	588,261	537,656	4	5		X	
Baltimore City	585,708	620,961	5	5		X	
Baltimore County	854,535	805,029	7	8		X	
Calvert	92,783	88,737	0.5	pt			X
Caroline	33,293	33,066	0.2	pt			X
Carroll	172,891	167,134	1	1	X		
Cecil	103,725	101,108	1	1	X		
Charles	166,617	146,551	1	1	X		
Dorchester	32,531	32,618	0.2	pt			X
Frederick	271,717	233,385	2	2		X	
Garrett	28,806	30,097	0.5	pt			X
Harford	260,924	244,826	2	2		X	
Howard	332,317	287,085	2	3		X	
Kent	19,198	20,197	0.2	pt			X
Montgomery	1,062,061	971,777	7	10		X	
Prince George's	967,201	863,420	7	9		X	
Queen Anne's	49,874	47,798	0.2	pt			X
St. Mary's	113,777	105,151	0.5	1	X		
Somerset	24,620	26,470	0.34	pt			X
Talbot	37,526	37,782	0.2	pt			X
Washington	154,705	147,430	1	1	X		
Wicomico	103,588	98,733	0.33	1	X		
Worcester	52,460	51,454	0.33	pt			X

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https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about.html

- Census Question Resolution

2020 Census Count Question Resolution Operation (CQR)

- Public Use Microdata Areas

https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/pumas/2020pumas.html

- 2010 Census PUMA Reference Maps

https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-pumas/maryland.html

- 2020 Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMA) FAQ document

https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/reference/puma/2020PUMA_FAQs.pdf

- Maryland State Data Center

https://planning.maryland.gov/Msdc/Pages/default.aspx

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