

NCSL Redistricting Update – April 20, 2021

Colorado RFI

The Colorado Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission has issued a request for information for legal services (RFI). The RFI is posted on the [Colorado Redistricting Commission website](#) or [click here](#). All proposals should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on April 26, 2021. Inquiries and submittals should be directed to: Jeremiah Barry, (303) 866-4341, jerry.barry@state.co.us.

Census Bureau DAS newsletter

The next Privacy Protected Microdata Files (PPMF) and Detailed Summary Metrics will be released by April 30, 2021. The Bureau announced the new global privacy-loss budget (PLB) in a [declaration](#) submitted in the Alabama v. Department of Commerce [lawsuit](#). The Disclosure Avoidance System team will release two versions: one using the new PLB of 10.3 and a second version with a PLB of 4.0—similar to the PLB used in the three demonstration data sets released in 2020. The Bureau expects that with the much-increased PLB, data users will see an increase in the accuracy of population counts and demographic characteristics, and indicates the final PLB will be set closer to the new PLB of 10.3.

Also, the Bureau plans to release the redistricting data, also referred to as the P.L. 94-171 data, in the legacy format (no tables) by **August 16**. The P.L. data (with tables) is still expected to be released by Sept. 30. The latest disclosure avoidance system (differential privacy) [newsletter](#) can be found below my signature line.

Alabama v. Department of Commerce

The in-person oral arguments for Alabama's [lawsuit](#) challenging the Census Bureau's implementation of [differential privacy](#) and the delayed release of 2020 census data will begin on Monday, May 3 at 10 a.m. (Central Time).

Census Bureau's educational webinar

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the Census Bureau will host an [educational webinar](#) at 1 p.m. ET on the quality of the counts. This technical webinar will give more insight into the initial 2020 [Census data quality metrics](#), which will be released by April 30.

NCSL's April 23 Census Update meeting

NCSL's next [2020 census update](#) meeting is on Friday, April 23 at 2 p.m. (Eastern Time). The meeting will focus on the latest updates on data delivery, differential privacy, the 2020 Census Quality Indicators Task Force, and more. We will be joined by:

- ❖ James Whitehorne, chief, Census Bureau Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office
- ❖ Michael B. Hawes, Senior Advisor for Data Access and Privacy, Census Bureau
- ❖ Dr. Nancy A. Potok, Chair of the American Statistical Association 2020 Census Quality Indicators Task Force and former Chief Statistician of the United States

If you would like to attend this meeting, please [click here](#) to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.