

Dear Trusted Partner,

November 9, 2020

The past several months has provided residents across our nation with quite a ride, to say the least. The year 2020 will most certainly be remembered as one of the most challenging and unpredictable in our nation's history. As you know, 2020 Census operations were not spared from the calendar volatility that affected so many industries, lifestyles, and events for which we have all been accustomed. Thankfully, we have you! The dedication and support you have provided as a trusted partner helped us reach the *first* finish line – data collection. But to ***Complete the Circle***, we will continue to provide you with correspondence throughout the next several months.

Partnership “Thank You” Campaign

Over the coming weeks our Census Partnership team will be conducting video conference calls for every state to provide you with data about the collective partnership effort. The call will reveal things like how many partners joined the effort, how many Mobile Questionnaire Assistance events took place, and where the top self-response rates were recorded. We certainly appreciate the opportunity to thank you for your amazing efforts and ask you to be on the lookout for an invitation to the meeting.

Many of you have mentioned that constituents have inquired about why they continue to receive visits or calls from Census Bureau so I want to provide you with a couple of easy responses. First, a great deal of those calls over the past month are just follow-up calls about their responses to the 2020 Census. We want to make sure all necessary information is provided and sometimes that requires clarification. The other reason is that the Census conducts [130 surveys](#) on an ongoing basis to provide vital statistics and information in virtually every category imaginable.

As you can see, our job is far from over. We have plenty of work to do over the next several months to complete the circle. In the future, look for more informative emails that will serve as a touch point for partners, providing things like specific results from these ongoing surveys. I will be sure to supply topline information and will keep the note concise but I am confident you will appreciate the updates, facts, and data we will be providing for you.

American Community Survey

The largest household survey conducted by the Census is the [American Community Survey](#), which is directed on a monthly basis throughout every year. The survey, which is sent to a sample of addresses (about 3.5 million) in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, asks about topics not on the decennial questionnaire, such as education, employment, internet access, and transportation. It provides a wealth of current information to communities every year, such as what local and national leaders need to know about programs, economic development, and emergency management.

Next Wednesday, Nov. 11 is **Veterans Day**, when we recognize all those who have served our country in the military. In 2019, the **ACS** conducted a survey about veterans and collected some interesting population information:

- [17.4 million](#) – The number of military veterans in the United States in 2019.
- [1.6 million](#) – The number of female veterans in the United States in 2019.
- [12.3%](#) – The percentage of veterans in 2019 who were Black. Additionally, 76.2% were non-Hispanic White; 1.8% were Asian; 0.8% were American Indian or Alaska Native; 0.2% were

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; and 1.4% were some other race. (The numbers cover only those reporting a single race.)

- [7.2%](#) – The percentage of veterans in 2019 who were Hispanic.

[50.4%](#)– The percentage of veterans age 65 and older in 2019. At the other end of the age spectrum, 8.4% were younger than age 35.

- **National Days of Recognition**
- Sunday (November 8) is [National STEM Day](#).
- November 15 is [America Recycles Day](#) and the start of [Geography Awareness Week](#).

November is [National Aviation History Month](#) and [National Family Caregivers Month](#).

Be safe, have fun, and enjoy this beautiful weather we are experiencing across the region!

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