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The 2020 Census PSAP is the only opportunity prior to the 2020 Census for regional planning agencies; councils of governments (COGs); and tribal, state, county, and local governments to review and update the selected statistical areas (also known as Census Geography polygons).

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What are Selected Statistical Areas?

**Standard Statistical Geographies include:**
- Census tracts.
- **Block groups.**
- Blocks only if absolutely necessary
- Census designated places (CDPs).
- Census county divisions (CCDs), in selected states (None in Louisiana)

**Tribal Statistical Geographies include:**
- Tribal census tracts (TCTs).
- Tribal block groups (TBGs).
- Census designated places (CDPs).
- Alaska Native village statistical areas (ANVSAs).
- Oklahoma tribal statistical areas (OTSAs).
- OTSA tribal subdivisions.
- Tribal Designated Statistical Areas
How are Statistical Areas Used?

The Census Bureau uses the statistical areas defined for the 2020 Census to tabulate data for the American Community Survey throughout the decade. These data are used to:

-- Prepare grant applications to fund community and regional development, education, agriculture, energy, transportation (inputs into the RPC Travel demand model) and environmental programs,

-- Fund other needed community improvements and enhancements.

-- Plan for future community needs.

The next opportunity to review and delineate statistical areas is planned for the 2030 Census (in 2029).

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What does Participation Mean to Local Government?

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The Census Bureau anticipates creating 2020 Census statistical areas for review and update by 2020 Census PSAP participants.

**YOUR GIS PERSON, TEAM, MANAGER IS NEEDED FOR THIS**

Participants reviewing standard statistical area geographies are required to use the Census Bureau’s Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS) to delineate updates. The GUPS runs in QGIS, which is an open source Geographic Information System (GIS), and it contains all functionality required to make 2020 Census PSAP updates, execute automated checks for program criteria compliance, and create standardized data output files for Census Bureau processing. The GUPS will be available for download from the Census Bureau's website or available on DVD. (Participants select their option when registering)

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- Participants using the GUPS to update their statistical areas must use the Secure Web Incoming Module (SWIM) to send their updates. The SWIM is the official web portal for uploading partnership materials to the Census Bureau.

- Tribal participants reviewing TCTs, TBGs, or CDPs may use the GUPS or may elect to use the Census Bureau provided paper maps to review and edit tribal statistical geographies.
Who is Participating?

2020 Census PSAP Invitees

Reporting Entity Type for County
- County
- Minor Civil Division
- Place
- Regional Agency
- State
- Not Reporting

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Who Exactly is the Primary Participant in each Parish?

- CO22051 Jefferson = Greg Brousse, GIS Manager
- CO22071 Orleans = Chris Ard, GIS Analyst Enterprise Team
- CO22075 Plaquemines = RPC
- CO22087 St. Bernard = Richard Poche, GIS Manager
- CO22089 St. Charles = Joshua Manning, Planner II-SCPDC
- CO22095 St. John the Baptist = Joshua Manning, Planner II-SCPDC
- CO22103 St. Tammany = Craig Johnson, GIS Manager
- CO22105 Tangipahoa = Razi Pronnapureddy, Director Transportation-Capital RPC

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Dates and Deadlines

• January 2019: 2020 Census PSAP delineation phase begins. Participants have 120 calendar days to submit updates.

• January 2019: 2020 Census PSAP webinar trainings begin.

• July 2019: 2020 Census PSAP participants notified of delineation phase closeout.

• January 2020: 2020 Census PSAP verification phase begins. Participants have 90 calendar days to review updates.

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RPC Role

• RPC is registered as a regional agency to aid and support our local governments in editing these Census statistical boundaries.

• RPC has an increased interest in block group boundaries since block groups will now be used in lieu of Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) geography for use in traffic modeling.

• RPC will be asking for each parish to review the geography with joined population and housing unit statistics with RPC prior to submitting to Census during the 120 day period starting in January.

• RPC will contact each parish during this timeframe. Please allow your designated staff the time to work with RPC on this important data layer.

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• In your RPC packet is a one page Informational sheet on PSAP

• The 2020 Census PSAP registration phase is complete. If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Census PSAP, please email geo.psap@census.gov. The NORPC direct contact in Atlanta:

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