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ARIZONA STATE DATA CENTER ANNUAL UPDATE FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The Arizona State Data Center (SDC) Network consists of one lead agency, four coordinating agencies, and twenty-three affiliate agencies. The network totals twenty-eight agencies involved with the dissemination of Census Bureau data and with other activities in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau.

One of the informational metrics which the U.S. Census Bureau tracks is the number and variety of requests that the State Data Center Network answers and reports. The Arizona SDC Lead office collected the following information and it reflects the Arizona SDC network's activities for the 2019 calendar year:

Arizona State Data Center Network 2019 Annual Report

- Total of 2, 806 Reported Requests
- 1,059 Government Requests
- 282 Business Requests
- 435 Requests from Academic/Research
- 395 Community-Based/Non-Profit Requests
- 495 Requests from Private Citizens
- 62 Media Requests
- 78 Other Requests

Our network continues to meet its mission of providing efficient access to U.S. Census Bureau data and data products. The Arizona State Data Center reported 2,806 requests.

The network response rate or percentage of affiliates reporting for calendar year 2019 was 48%. The percentage of report participation is about the same. It is slightly up by 3% from the last time of reporting which was 2018. We greatly appreciate those affiliates who were able to meet their obligation of submitting an annual report to the lead agency.

National State Data Center Program Update

The following points highlight some important activities that have been undertaken by the U.S. Census Bureau and the National State Data Center Network since September 2019 to present:

- The 2020 Decennial Census began full operations and full Census Questionnaire responses in March 2020.
- The 2020 Census Operations experienced interruptions by events and circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic in late March, early April.

- The 2020 Decennial Census Operations resumed with an adjusted schedule in full by July 2020 and they are currently continuing.
- The 2020 Decennial Census Questionnaire response operations are currently scheduled to end on September 30, 2020.
- National State Data Center Steering Committee Elections, February 2020. There were five candidates seeking election, competing for three open seats.

Candidates

Alfred Sundara (Maryland)
 Walter Schwarm (California)
 Mallory Bateman (Utah)
 Erica Gardener (Washington)
 Greg Bell (Alabama)

Election Results

Mallory Bateman (Utah) Second Term
 Greg Bell (Alabama) New Term
 Erica Gardener (Washington) New Term

- National State Data Center Annual Conference, June 16, 17, & 18, 2020. This year’s conference was a virtual annual conference, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Meetings were three hours each day. Topics included 2020 Operational Update, Redistricting Update, Pulse Surveys, Microdata Analysis Tool, Differential Privacy Update, American Community Survey Update, and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program as well as the SDC National Business Meeting.
- Randy Gustafson Award – June 2020 Conference. The Gustafson Award was established in 2012 to remember one of our dear colleagues, Randy Gustafson from the Tennessee SDC, who also served on the SDC Steering Committee. Randy was a wonderful person and a big part of the SDC family. The Gustafson Award was created to his memory and to honor his outstanding contributions to the SDC network. This year’s winner is Todd Graham, Principal Demographer, Metropolitan Council of Minnesota. Todd received this honorable award for his outstanding work with the National Network and the U.S. Census Bureau, and his leadership as the past Chairperson for the State Data Center Network Steering Committee.

In conclusion, we continue to encourage each affiliate organization to continue their commitment to provide efficient access to U.S. Census Bureau data and data products, provide training and technical assistance to data users, and provide a mechanism for feedback to the Census Bureau on data usability, state and local government data needs, and operational issues. Please feel free to call upon your lead agency with any comments, needs, and/or ideas that will further our education of data usage in our state, and further the use of Census Bureau data and data products.

Thank you for all your continuing efforts as we look forward to the conclusion of the 2020 Census response effort and the new data releases from the Census in 2021-2022.



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