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ARIZONA STATE DATA CENTER ANNUAL UPDATE FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The Arizona State Data Center (SDC) Network consists of one lead agency, four coordinating agencies, and seventeen affiliate agencies. The network totals twenty-two 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 2021 calendar year:

Arizona State Data Center Network 2021 Annual Report

- Total of 268 Reported Requests
- 136 Government Requests
- 30 Business Requests
- 45 Requests from Academic/Research
- 12 Community-Based/Non-Profit Requests
- 6 Requests from Private Citizens
- 34 Media Requests
- 5 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 268 requests serviced.

The network response rate or percentage of affiliates reporting for calendar year 2021 was 41%. It is down by 2% from the last time of reporting which was 2020. 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 2021 to present:

- The National State Data Center Program reported handling 475, 017 total requests over the calendar year 2021. This is represented by the following breakdown of requests, 61,745 Government, 70,067 Business, 43,105 Academic, 16,513 Community Based, 53,879 Private Citizens, 6,742 Other, and 222,966 Media.
- In April of this year, the U.S. Census Bureau launched the My Community Explorer (MCE) data explorer tool. MCE is an interactive map-based tool that highlights demographic and socioeconomic data that measures inequality and can help to inform data-based solutions.
- On September 15th, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.
- National State Data Center Steering Committee Elections, February 2022. There were three candidates seeking election, for three open seats on the SDC Steering Committee.

Candidates

Mary Craigle (Montana)
Gary Krob (Iowa)
Jennifer Schultz (Pennsylvania)

Election Results

Mary Craigle (Montana) Second Term
Gary Krob (Iowa) New Term
Jennifer Schultz (Pennsylvania) Second Term

- National State Data Center Annual Conference, June 14, 15, & 16, 2022. Again, this year's conference was a virtual annual conference, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Meetings were three hours each day. Topics included Remarks from Director Santos, Updates on Urban & Rural data, American Community Survey Update, Updates on Race & Ethnicity and the 2020 Census, Data.Census.Gov Enhancement Training, Highlights from CIC/SDC/DDS 2020 Census Outreach and Promotional Efforts as well as the National SDC Business Meeting.
- Randy Gustafson Award – June 2022 Conference. The Gustafson Award was established in 2012 in remembrance of one of our dear colleagues, Randy Gustafson from the Tennessee SDC. The Gustafson Award was created to honor his outstanding contributions to the SDC network. This year's winner is Susan Reagan who is a Senior Program Manager of the Data Bank at the University of New Mexico. Susan received this award for her outstanding contributions to the National SDC Program and her work through the SDC and related entities within the State of New Mexico.

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 more data releases from the Census in 2023.



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