

Impact of COVID-19 on:

# 2020 CENSUS DATA & REDISTRICTING

The Census Bureau has announced significant operational changes in the wake of COVID-19. Here are the implications of these potential changes on census, apportionment, redistricting and elections.

### Proposed Census Timeline Changes:

<b>Enumeration:</b>	
Planned Schedule March 12 – July 31	Revised Schedule March 12 – October 31
<b>Apportionment Counts:</b>	
Planned Schedule By December 31	Proposed Schedule *April 30, 2021
<b>Redistricting Counts:</b>	
Planned Schedule By April 1, 2021	Proposed Schedule *July 31, 2021

\*Must be approved by Congress

- ### If timeline changes are made:
- Two states, Virginia and New Jersey, have primary elections in 2021 that would now take place before they receive census data, making redistricting impossible for state legislative elections.
  - 17 states have initial redistricting deadlines that are earlier than the Census Bureau’s proposed new deadline for delivering data to the states.
  - 13 states have 2022 primary elections in the spring (May 24 or earlier), which could potentially compress election schedules.

