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ARIZONA STATE DATA CENTER ANNUAL UPDATE FOR THE 2023 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 addresses. The Arizona SDC Lead office collected the following information and it reflects some of the Arizona SDC network's activities for the 2022 calendar year:

Arizona State Data Center Network 2022 Annual Report to the U.S. Census Bureau

- Total of 250 Reported Requests
- 107 Government Requests
- 27 Business Requests
- 49 Requests from Academic/Research
- 16 Community-Based/Non-Profit Requests
- 16 Requests from Private Citizens
- 31 Media Requests
- 4 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 250 requests serviced.

The network response rate or percentage of affiliates reporting for calendar year 2022 was 50%. It is up by 9% from the last time of reporting which was 2021. 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 October 2022 to present:

- The National State Data Center Program did report activity for the calendar 2022 year. Unfortunately, those numbers are not yet available from the Census Bureau.
- National State Data Center Steering Committee Elections, January 2023. There were four candidates seeking election, for three open seats on the SDC Steering Committee.

Candidates

- Mallory Bateman (Utah)
- Monica Cruz (Texas)
- Erica Gardner (Washington)
- Susannah Robichaux (Alabama)

Election Results

- Mallory Bateman (Utah) Second Term
- Monica Cruz (Texas) New Term
- Erica Gardner (Washington) Second Term

- National State Data Center Annual Conference, July 25, 26, & 27, 2023. This year's conference was an in-person annual conference, held in Alexandria, Virginia. The meetings were held over two and a half days. Some of the topics included remarks from Director Santos, updates on the Economic Census, American Community Survey, and Data.Census.Gov. Updates on Race & Ethnicity, Census Geography Grids, Population Estimates, Administrative Records, and the National SDC Business Meeting.
- Randy Gustafson Award – July 2023 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 Mary Craigle, who serves as the Research and Information Services Bureau Chief for the Montana Department of Commerce. Mary 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 Montana.
- The Economic Census began on October 24, 2022 (due December 6, 2022), with a request for classification information from selected small businesses. On January 31, 2023 (due March 15, 2023), a request was made to additional selected companies asking a range of operational and performance data for their companies.
- On December 15, 2022, the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity, State Demographer's Office published it's 2022 Population Estimates for Arizona, Counties, and Incorporated Places. On December 22, 2022, the office also published the official 2022-2060 Population Projections for Arizona and Counties.
- On May 25, 2023, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2020 Census Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC) and Demographic Profile. These data products provide the next round of data available from the 2020 Census — adding more detail to the population counts and basic demographic and housing statistics previously released for the purposes of congressional apportionment and legislative redistricting.

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 for Arizona.

Thank you all for your great work as we look forward to a great 2024.

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