

**US Census Bureau
2008 Census Dress Rehearsal
10/10/2007**

What has already been completed:

LUCA
Address Canvassing

What we will do on schedule:

Complete the Group Quarters Validation (GQV) operation, capture the results, and update the MAF

Complete the Census Coverage Measurement (CCM) Independent Listing and capture the results

What we will do, but on an unknown delayed schedule:

Mail out questionnaires in mailout/mailback areas. This includes the bilingual forms in tracts that have been identified to receive the bilingual forms. Check-in and capture the mailback forms including the bilingual forms.

Conduct the 2nd mailing to households that don't mail back the initial mailout form

Conduct Nonresponse Followup (NRFU), NRFU Reinterview, and NRFU Vacant/Delete Check

Remove late mail returns from the NRFU universe and add back reverse check-in cases (mail returns discovered to be blank during data capture).

Have DRIS provide integrated response data to headquarters.

Conduct Census Coverage Measurement Person Interview

Conduct operational assessments on the operations that are implemented.

What we won't do

New Construction Program (an opportunity for local governments to provide list of new addresses since Address Canvassing and LUCA were conducted)

Update/Leave (where Census Bureau delivers questionnaires rather than USPS)

GQ Advanced Visit (to arrange for enumeration timing and other info needed to conduct the enumeration)

GQ Enumeration (including Military GQs, prisons, college dorms)

Service Based Enumeration (including shelters, soup kitchens, mobile food vans)

Enumeration of Transient Locations (including campgrounds, marinas, hotels/motels)

Questionnaire Assistance Centers

Be Counted Program (an opportunity for people who think they were missed to be enumerated)

Non-ID Processing (to get Be Counted forms geocoded)

Field Verification (to verify new addresses from Be Counted forms)

All CCM housing unit field operations (other than the Independent Listing)

All CCM housing matching operations

Operational assessments on the operations that were dropped

What is still to be decided:

Will we conduct Partnership Program for the Dress Rehearsal?

When will Census Day be for this test?

Will we drop a DR site and if so, which one and when?

Will we drop the Coverage Followup operation?

Will we do coding of race and Hispanic origin responses?

Will we provide Telephone Questionnaire Assistance?

Will we provide fulfillment for questionnaires in English, Spanish, and Chinese?

Will we still conduct all data processing (Response Processing) and produce redistricting data product prototypes (to assist States in planning their 2010 redistricting programs)?

Will we conduct person matching and person followup for the Census Coverage Measurement Program?

Will we produce prototype estimates of net and component coverage errors from the Dress Rehearsal CCM Program?