

2020 Census Count Question Resolution Operation (CQR)

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CQR Overview

- The CQR operation accepts requests for review of the 2020 Census housing & population counts based on two types of cases: boundary and/or living quarters count
- Count corrections will be issued, when necessary, to the tribal chairperson or highest elected official of affected governmental units and be uploaded to the CQR website as errata
- CQR corrections will be reflected in the Census Bureau's population estimates program
- CQR will not revise the apportionment data sent to the office of the President, any redistricting data sent to the states, or the Demographic and Housing Characteristics file
- CQR does not collect any new data in the field and is not the same as a Special Census
- CQR it is not a mechanism to address data concerns due to disclosure avoidance methods applied by the Census Bureau

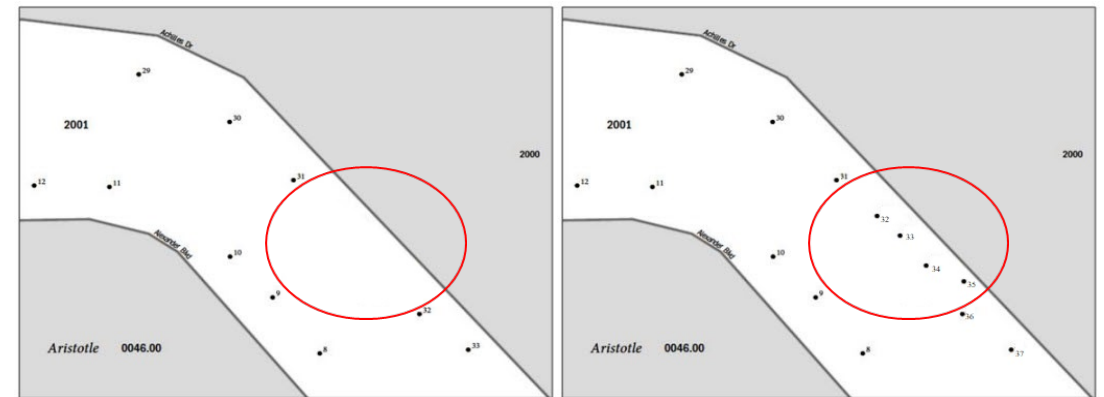
CQR Case Outcomes

Before and After – Examples of Corrections (examples show fictitious information)

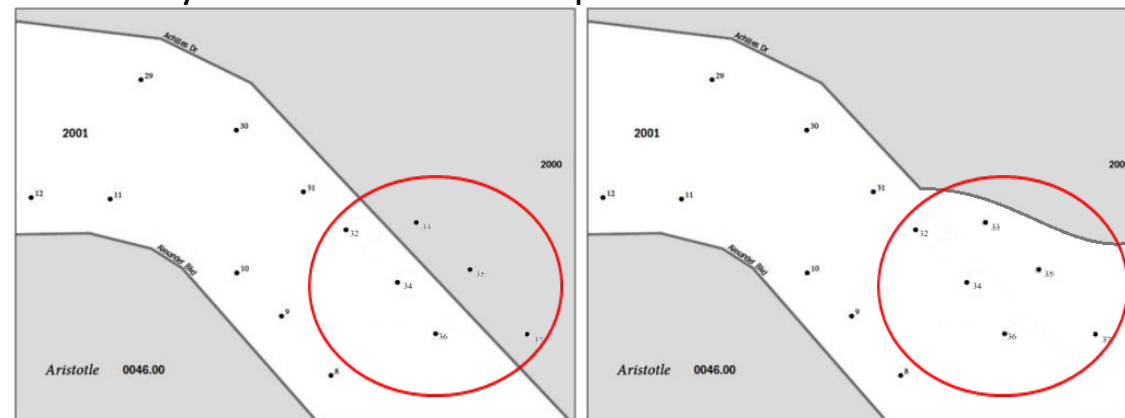
Living Quarter Count case, Geocoding correction example:



Living Quarter Count case, Coverage correction example:



Boundary case correction example:



CQR Workflow

- Tribal, state, and local governments review published 2020 Census results. If they suspect errors with their boundaries or their housing counts by block, they may file a CQR case.
- CQR staff receives cases, reviews the case materials for correctness and completeness, and determines whether the case is in or out of scope.
- In-scope cases are sent to Census geographic subject matter experts for research and resolution. During research, staff will review the 2020 Census enumeration and processing records in conjunction with the evidence supplied with the CQR case. Research may or may not find processing errors in the 2020 Census data.
- If no processing errors are found, there will be no updates and the case is closed. If processing errors are found, they are addressed within Census Bureau records and systems.
- The Census Bureau provides the disposition for each CQR case to the highest elected official(s) of all impacted tribal, state, and local government(s) via a determination letter, and posts any revised housing and population counts for each affected census block as errata on the 2020 CQR website.

CQR 2010 & 2020

2010

- Types of cases – boundary, geocoding, and/or coverage (based on living quarter count)
- Requirements – Required inquiries to include an address list, maps, and supporting documents for all case types.
- Total cases received from governmental units – 443*
- Cases that resulted in a count change - 119

* - *In scope cases only*

2020

- Types of cases – boundary and/or living quarter count
- Requirements – Will differ by case type.
 - Requiring addresses affected by potential boundary change, maps, and supporting documentation for boundary cases.
 - Requiring count of Housing Units and Group Quarters by block, as well as supporting documentation for living quarter count cases.
 - Changes in case requirements meant to governmental unit participation in CQR more user friendly.
- Total inquiries 1,500 (anticipated)*

* - *Number includes in-scope cases and unique communications with the CQR operation that may or may not lead to an official case; e.g. concerns about overall counts due to disclosure avoidance practices.*

CQR Updates

- Census has received feedback from numerous stakeholders regarding the scope and start date of 2020 Count Question Resolution (CQR) operation.
- The Census Bureau is planning a revision to the start of the 2020 CQR operation, moving it to January 2022.
- CQR will continue accepting cases through June 30, 2023 and final dispositions for all CQR cases would be complete no later than September 30, 2023.
- The Census Bureau is exploring options and feasibility around how local governments might submit information during the CQR timeframe that informs the population estimates program base.
- If the Census Bureau decides to expand the scope of acceptable challenges, it will communicate this decision through a FRN that will be issued by Fall 2021.

CQR Key Dates

- **September 2021:** The Census Bureau completes delivery of data from the 2020 Census to the states for redistricting purposes
- **Fall 2021:** Federal Register Notice posted for the public 30-day comment period
- **December 2021:** Proposed timing for the Census Bureau to send a message to the tribal chairpersons and highest elected officials at tribal, state, and local governments who are eligible to file a CQR case
- **January 2022:** Census Bureau to begin processing CQR cases from eligible tribal, state, and local governments, researching the census enumeration records from each GU
- **June 30, 2023:** The Census Bureau stops accepting CQR cases
- **September 30, 2023:** Deadline for the Census Bureau to provide results to impacted GUs

Current Status

- The CQR management team is finalizing responses to all comments received during the 60-day comment period for the CQR Federal Register Notice.
- The CQR management team is also finalizing all necessary documentation for the 30-day comment period required for the CQR Federal Register Notice. We anticipate posting the 30-day notice and submitting the OMB packet this Fall.
- CQR staff is working to finalize:
 - CQR Public FAQs
 - CQR Participant Guides
 - CQR Flyer
 - CQR Letters
 - CQR Website

Questions?

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Thank you!