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September 27 Roundtable Update

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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

Prisoner Reallocation Data Release

The NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment released its prisoner reallocation data. This data adjusts the 2020 Census for local and State redistricting purposes by removing federal and state incarcerated individuals from where they were incarcerated on April 1, 2020 and counted by the Census Bureau. State incarcerated individuals were reassigned to their census blocks of residence prior to incarceration. Federally incarcerated individuals were not reassigned and were subtracted from the population.

More information and the zip files with adjusted population can be found here:
https://www.latfor.state.ny.us/data/?sec=2020amendpop

CUNY Mapping Center Launched New York Mapping Tool

The Mapping Service at the CUNY Graduate Center has launched a New York-specific version of its "Redistricting & You" online map, making it easy to compare proposed districts with existing lines. The map displays the "Names" and "Letters" district plans from the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission compared with current congressional, state senate, and assembly districts. The map is fully interactive.

You can visit the site here**: https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/

New York City's Statistical Geographies Update

2020 Census operations include the revision of small-area statistical geographies, such as census tracks and blocks. Because of these changes, NYC's Department of City Planning has updates its Neighborhood Tabulation Areas (NTAs). It has also introduced a new geography called Community District Tabulation Areas (CDTAs). CDTAs are groupings of census tracks that closely approximate NYC Community Districts (CDs). CDTAs will have access to the rich array of annual American Community Survey (ACS) data, making them a useful proxy for examining CDs since ACS data is unavailable for CDs.

For more information visit this webpage: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/planning-level/nyc-population/nyc-population-geographic-relationships.page#2020-census-geographies

The League of Women Voters of NYS: Reject Regressive Redistricting and Expand Voting Rights!

The League of Women Voters of New York State has announced a statewide campaign on the 2021 New York State ballot proposals. The league will be opposing Proposal 1 (amending the apportionment and redistricting process), supporting Proposals 2 (constitutionalizing the right to clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment), 3 (eliminating ten-day-advance voter registration requirement) and 4 (authorizing no-excuse absentee ballot voting), and taking no position on Proposal 5 (increasing the jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court). For more information see the attached campaign release.

Public Mapping Project Gets Underway

This Fall, New York's congressional and state legislative district lines will be redrawn. New York Law School's N.Y. Census & Redistricting Institute is organizing a statewide Public Mapping Project where student and public interest organization teams are being organized to use free online software and data (along with training) to draw model maps that can be submitted to the state. Teams have been organized at New York Law School, SUNY Stony Brook, Columbia, SUNY New Paltz, Marist, Fordham Law School, Albany Law School, SUNY Buffalo Law School, and Syracuse University. To participate, please visit https://app.districtbuilder.org/o/nyls. You can access the recording of the District Builder Training here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XlRkDJq8c6SWkPC96lZFAKDTAVBpP0yI/view

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Additional Online Redistricting Resources

The **Digital Commons at New York Law School** will provide all redistricting publications by Jeff Wice and other members of the New York Census and Redistricting Institute. Use the digital commons as a comprehensive source of all redistricting publications, past and present. Access the digital commons here: https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/ny-census-and-redistricting-institute/

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Additional New York Census Data and Tools

State Demographic Data: Cornell University's Program on Applied Demographics (PAD) has posted detailed information with regional charts and a county map showing the state's population changes from 2010-2020 by county, region, race, and ethnicity. https://pad.human.cornell.edu/census2020/index.cfm#pl

Empire Center: The Empire Center has developed a sortable web tool of population changes for New York's counties, cities, towns, and villages, Access it here: https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/heres-a-tool-for-sorting-out-new-yorks-local-population-trends/

Redistricting Primer and Informational Webinars

Please contact Jeff Wice (by reply email) if you would like to schedule an informational webinar on the state's redistricting process. Webinars usually take 45 minutes to one hour. A copy of the N.Y. Census & Redistricting Institute's basic primer on how New York redistricts can be accessed and downloaded here: https://www.nyls.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NYCRI-Redistricting-Primer-PDF-0521-v1r6-locked.pdf