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## December 13 Roundtable Update

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## **NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE**

### **Independent Redistricting Commission Announces Commission Timeline**

The NYS Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) has begun deliberations to come to a consensus on final maps.

The Commission will provide updates to the public on Wednesday, December 22nd.

The Commission will meet again on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM to consider and vote on the congressional, senate, and assembly maps to be sent to the state legislature for consideration. The location will be announced soon.

The N.Y. Census & Redistricting Institute provides summaries of each IRC hearing. Past hearing summaries can be accessed at: [https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting\\_resources/](https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting_resources/).

### **Capitol Pressroom Interview with Jack Martins: Redistricting Effort Faces Time Crunch and Partisan Obstacles**

In less than a month, the state's bipartisan redistricting commission is planning on adopting their final legislative boundaries for New York's state and congressional district lines. Dave Lombardo at the Capitol Pressroom spoke with the commission's vice chair, Jack Martins. He spoke about the timeline in which the Commission plans to have maps and a report ready to have a vote on maps on January 3. He stated the Commission has been setting up workgroups aiming to come to a consensus with maps. He also expressed how much information the Commission was able to receive from New Yorkers who participated in the process. Martins expressed concerns about the legislature attempting to circumvent the recent defeat of Proposition 1 and draw their own lines.

You can listen to the full interview here: <https://capitolpressroom.org/2021/12/08/redistricting-effort-faces-time-crunch-and-partisan-obstacles/>

### **Urban Institute Report: Census Undercounts Cost New York One Congressional District**

The Urban Institute has produced new information on the 2020 Census, possible undercounts, overcounts, miscounts, and consequences for fairness in apportionment and funding. The findings include:

- a projected 2020 Census undercount of 224,638 New Yorkers, reflecting that 1.1% of the state's population was not officially counted.

- a net undercount of 5.48% fewer children under age 5 in the state than were officially counted.
- a net undercount of Black residents by 3.14%, a net undercount of 2.48 % for Hispanic residents, and a net undercount of 0.04% for White, non-Hispanic/Latinx residents.
- a net undercount of 3.88% for people living in households that had at least one noncitizen.
- a net undercount of New York-Newark-Jersey City's total population by 240,989

Based on the Urban Institute's overall finding, New York State would not have lost a congressional district had such undercounts not occurred. The report can be accessed at: <https://urbn.is/3Dlpk4w>

## **LATFOR Vacancy**

Assemblyman Robert Rodriguez resigned from the State Assembly last week, creating an Assembly Co-Chair vacancy in the Legislative Advisory Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR). Rodriguez has been named by Governor Kathy Hochul to serve as the next Secretary of State. Speaker Carl Heastie is expected to fill the vacancy.

## **New York Census Data and Tools**

The New York Census and Redistricting Institute archives all of our work at our Digital Commons page that can be accessed here: [https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting\\_resources/](https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/redistricting_resources/).

CUNY Mapping Center New York 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 Independent Redistricting Commission proposed districts with existing lines. The map displays the "Names" and "Letters" district plans from the Commission compared with current congressional, state senate, and assembly districts. The map is fully interactive. <https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/>

Redistricting Data Hub has new trainings, resources, news, and the state population change charts. You can access the website here: [https://redistrictingdatahub.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtrSLBhCLARIsACh6Rmhgic5YhW2i6d-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7geOlsOLCyX13-ERI9HWIBJuH\\_0aAsxZEALw\\_wcB](https://redistrictingdatahub.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtrSLBhCLARIsACh6Rmhgic5YhW2i6d-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7geOlsOLCyX13-ERI9HWIBJuH_0aAsxZEALw_wcB)

American Statistical Association released a Task Force Report on 2020 Census Analysis and Quality Indicators. You can access the report here: <https://www.amstat.org/asa/files/pdfs/POL-CQI-Task-Force-final-report.pdf>

## **Redistricting Primer and Informational Webinars**

Please contact Jeff Wice (by reply email) if you would like to schedule an informational webinar on state or local governmental redistricting processes. 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>