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## December 23 Roundtable Update

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**New York loses population in 2021:** According to new Census Bureau population estimates, New York had the largest annual and cumulative numeric population decline of all states, decreasing by 319,020 (1.6%) and 365,336 (1.8%) respectively. New York's declining population in the last year was attributed to negative domestic migration (-352,158), most likely caused by the pandemic. The 2020 decennial census results reported that New York had an 4.2% increase in population during the last decade. New York would not be projected to lose an additional congressional district using the estimates, but the state would have fallen short by several thousand people to save the pre-2020 27 districts if the apportionment was based on the new 2021 estimates.

For more information: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/2021-population-estimates.html?linkId=100000097331496>

**Monroe County Legislative Redistricting Faces Uncertain Future:** Monroe County legislators approved a new county legislative redistricting plan that met with criticism from the public and questions from County Executive Adam Bello who has the power to veto the plan that must be completed by February 2022. For more information: <https://13wham.com/news/local/monroe-co-executive-adam-bello-reacts-to-redistricting-decision>

**Onondaga County Legislative Map Approved By Legislature:** After eight public hearings, one county executive veto, and six drafts, the Onondaga Legislature has approved a new county redistricting map to send to the county executive. The map, approved by a Republican majority, was contested by Democrats and many local residents. For more: <https://www.wrvo.org/politics-and-government/2021-12-21/new-redistricting-map-approved-by-onondaga-county-legislature>

**Court Battle Delays Suffolk County Redistricting:** Hours before the Suffolk County Legislature was set to pass a new redistricting map on Tuesday, a Suffolk Supreme Court judge blocked the legislature from "taking any action" on the plan until after a court hearing. The plan would divide the 18 legislative districts between Democrats and Republicans and doubles the number of minority districts. Republicans are challenging the Legislature's plan in court, alleging it violates the county charter by not letting a commission redraw the lines by February 2022. Democrats argue that the deadline for

the commission passed in November and that redistricting defaulted to the legislature. For more: <https://www.wshu.org/long-island-news/2021-12-21/suffolk-county-is-set-to-approve-its-redistricting-plan-amid-a-legal-battle>

**Broome County Closes In On New Map:** Broome County's committee on legislative redistricting is nearing the deadline for submitting map modifications. The county's Ad Hoc Committee held its final meeting and members had until December 16<sup>th</sup> to anonymously email their proposals. The members submitted anonymous map proposals and reviewed the maps on December 21<sup>st</sup> to choose a finalist. There will be a public hearing on December 27<sup>th</sup> to receive public comment on the final plan before finalizing the new district lines. For more: <https://wnbf.com/broome-closes-in-on-redrawing-legislative-district-maps/>

**State Commission Meets on January 3, 2022:** the state's Independent Redistricting Commission is planning to meet to discuss and vote on congressional, senate, and assembly plans at 11:00 AM. The location has not been announced.

**Census Bureau's Post-Enumeration Survey (PES):** The [PES field operation](#) got underway in late November. The PES measures Census 2020 accuracy by surveying a sample of the nation's population. A Census Bureau [blog](#) provides more information. The bureau expects to release preliminary results in early 2022, including estimates of population coverage overall and for specific demographic groups. A second set of PES results are expected in the summer of 2022, and it will provide population estimates for states.

**Count Question Resolution:** The Census Bureau recently contacted state and other government officials this week regarding the upcoming [2020 Census Count Question Resolution](#) (CQR) operation. The CQR system is limited in scope but provides an opportunity for state, local and tribal governments to improve the quality of the census data by correcting errors related to boundaries and/or housing counts. See the National Conference of State Legislatures' [Challenges to Census Data](#) webpage for more information. The bureau will accept submissions from January 4, 2022 to June 30, 2023.