

Connecticut's 2020 Census
Complete Count Committee Meeting
March 12th 2018

In attendance:

Chris Ambrosio	Eastern CT State University
Susan Beauregard	Generations Health Services
Lorenzo Marshall	Middlesex Chamber of Commerce
Julio Conception	MetroAlliance / Hartford Chamber of Commerce
Betti Kuszaj	Northeastern Chamber of Commerce
MD Rahman	Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
Elsa Peterson Obuchowski	League of Women Voters
Kate Byroade	CT Library Association
Michael Hyman	Stamford NAACP
Suresh Sharma	Milan Organization
Monica Vargas Huertas	National Assoc of Latino Elected officials
Surendra Khera, MD	Hartford Community Health Services
Linda Eastbrook	Hartford Gay and Lesbian Coalition
Jody Barr	AFSCME
Rick Melita	SEUI 1199
Juan Hernandez	SEIU 32 BJ
Yvette Bello	Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Victor Lopez	Hispanic Coalition, Executive Director & Alder
Julia Wade	Domus Kids
Michelle Riordan-Nold	CT Data Collaborative
Paul Fabula	U.S. Census
Eva Bunnell	U.S. Census
Rep. Chris Rosario	Black and Puerto Rican Caucus
Denise Merrill	Secretary of the State
Pat Wilson Pheanious	State Representative
Ron Davis	NAACP
Tark Aouadi	Council on American Islamic Relations
Dr. Tekisha Everette	Health Equity Solutions
Chuck Bunnell	Mohegan Sun Tribe
Rob Simmons	First Selectman, Stonington
Gian-Carl Casa	Connecticut Not-for-profit Alliance
Michael Lagano	Mohegan Sun Tribe

- I. Lt. Governor Bysiewicz opened the meeting at 2:00pm, and spoke about the importance of the 2020 Census and the steps Connecticut has taken to prepare for this effort already.
- II. Paul Fabula, Census Partnership Specialist for Connecticut, gave opening remarks and introduces the Census staff in attendance.
- III. Connecticut Census 2020 Co-Chair and Secretary of the State Denise Merrill spoke about the 22% of the Connecticut population that is hard to count.
- IV. Connecticut Census 2020 Co-Chair and Representatives Pat Wilson Pheanious and Chris Rosario spoke about their efforts to support the Census operation in Connecticut in both urban and rural areas.
- V. Paul Fabula led a group discussion around what do attendees know about the Census?
 - a. Attendees respond the Census is in the constitution, information received is always private, and there is a potential citizenship question in the 2020 Census.
- VI. In groups, attendees were asked who or what group may be challenging to count?
 - a. Attendees responded: immigrants, the elderly, students, those with disabilities, young people, those living in rural areas, inmates, those currently in a hospital or nursing home, and migrant workers.
- VII. Paul Fabula challenged the group to go further and think of others who may be hard to count for one reason or another.
 - a. Attendees responded veterans, some faith groups, those in a shelter and busy parents with very young children.
- VIII. Paul Fabula and Census Bureau staff discussed plans to reach out to each group, and asked the committee to work with Census Bureau staff on creating similar workshops in their respective town or city; and/or with those mentioned groups.
- IX. Jimmy Tickey in the Lt. Governor's office reviewed the Local Complete Count Committee plan, and asked for the Complete Count Committee's support as announcements take place with local leaders and Census Bureau staff.
- X. Jimmy Tickey in the Lt. Governor's office adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.