



Protect an Accurate and Inclusive 2030 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is considering [major changes to the 2030 Census](#) that would significantly affect Massachusetts communities, representation, federal funding, and access to reliable demographic data.

What's being proposed?

The proposed changes would:

- **Exclude many non-U.S. citizens from the congressional apportionment count**, including international students, workers, refugees, and others;
- **Add a citizenship question** to exclude people from the apportionment count;
- **Change how residency is determined**, focusing on where someone lives during January through March rather than where they live for most of the year.; and
- **Remove questions about race and ethnicity** and prohibit future questions about sexual orientation.

What would this mean?

An inaccurate count would likely mean less congressional representation and fewer federal resources for Massachusetts communities. The loss of demographic data would make it harder for governments, nonprofits, researchers, and community organizations to identify disparities, direct services, and implement local and state policies to support people.

What are we asking for?

Massachusetts organizations are joining together to urge the Census Bureau to:

1. Extend the public comment period to December 10, 2026, providing 90 days for communities to understand and respond to changes with far-reaching consequences.
2. Withdraw the proposed rule as written and preserve a comprehensive and accurate census that counts people where they live for the majority of the year and continues collecting essential demographic information.

Add your organization's name to the letter urging the Census Bureau to protect an accurate and inclusive 2030 Census: mapc.ma/census-sign-on

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