



Census Data as a Tool for Self Determination – Current Threats and Opportunities

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Census data is critical to Tribal Nations because it is used in federal funding formulas, redistricting and representation, federal/state/local decision making, and local tribal governance. However, problems with the accuracy and availability of 2020 Census data, the persistent undercount of AI/ANs living on reservations, the lack of AIAN participation in the ACS, the impact of census data on redistricting efforts, and planning for the 2030 Census, including the possible use of tribal administrative data, are all either threats or opportunities for Tribal Nations. During this session, participants will learn about the latest updates on census data issues and will discuss how Tribal Nations can take action to ensure the most accurate and fair census data for their communities now and in the 2030 Census.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME

Moderator

- Chris Kolerok, Director Public Policy, Cook Inlet Housing Authority

2. PRESENTATIONS

U.S. Census Bureau

- Robert Santos, Director, U.S. Census Bureau (video remarks)

Current Census Data Issues that Tribal Nations Need to Know

- James Tucker, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Native Census Counts Consultant

Alaska Census Partnership Specialist Update

- Jessica Imotichey, Alaska Census Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

Road to 2030 – Lessons Learned

- Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice-President & General Counsel, Alaska Federation of Natives

3. DISCUSSION and Q&A