

2020 Census Challenge Process

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2020 Census Challenges

 Count Question Resolution (CQR) Free challenge available to Tribal and Local Governments only based on limited boundary and housing issues.

Successful CQR challenges could change 2020 Census counts

• **Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR)** Free challenge available to Tribal and Local Governments only of GQ facility and population counts.

Successful PCGQR challenges could revise 2020 population estimates base

• Special Census

Local government funded repeat of the entire Census process for a specified area



2020 Census Challenges – Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program

- CQR program run January 2022 June 2023
- Only tribal/local governments may initiate a CQR challenge, but the local government may designate anyone to conduct the challenge
- Tribal/Local governments may only challenge 2020 Census counts based on

| Boundary | Incorrect boundaries were used |
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| Geocoding | Housing units or GQs were counted in the wrong place (inside/outside town limits) |
| Coverage | Housing units or GQs in an area were not counted |

• Documentation on occupied structures as of April 1, 2020, and/or boundaries legally in place as of January 1, 2020



2020 Census CQR - Support

• What support can North Carolina provide to tribal/local governments planning a CQR challenge?



2020 Census Challenges – Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program

- Current CQR website <u>https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-</u> census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/cqr.html
- Challenges may be submitted in paper, Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS), or by GIS.
- GUPS and Shapefiles are available now
- Online Participant Guides provide guidance on the CQR process, challenge documentation, GUPS installation, challenge submission, etc..
- CQR will contact participating local governments, but CQR staff are available at <u>dcmd.2020.cqr.submissions@census.gov</u> or (888) 369-3617

Recorded Webinars

- NC OSBM Events with Census experts on Redistricting, DAS, and the Count Question Resolution program
- https://www.osbm.nc.gov /facts-figures/populationdemographics/nc-censusdata/local-governmentwebinar





Review and Challenge Strategy

- Focus on structure count, location, and occupancy
- Verify Census boundary with boundary in effect on January 1, 2020 and housing/Group Quarter structure count as of April 1, 2020 with local records.
- Census block level count of housing unit and group quarters structures

| US Census Bureau | https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference- files/2020/geo/2020addcountlisting.html |
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| NC Office of State Budget and Management | https://linc.osbm.nc.gov/explore/dataset/nchu_gq_cou nts 9 20 21 |

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Analysis Resources – NC OneMap Building Footprint Layer







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