

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Bureau of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Bureau of the Census Scientific Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

1892

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/14/2024 03/14/2026

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Decision Memorandum
signed by the Secretary

13. Effective Date

02/15/1994 Continuing

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including decennial, economic, field operations, information technology, and statistics.

03/14/2024 - 03/15/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Census Scientific Advisory Committee provides technical advice and expertise and advises the Census Bureau on the uses of scientific developments in statistical data collection and analysis, geospatial analysis, econometrics, cognitive psychology, and computer science, in relation to the full range of Census

programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology and statistics.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is comprised of members reflecting broad scientific disciplines within the scientific community, academia and private enterprise.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

During this reporting period, the Census Scientific Advisory Committee met two (2) times this fiscal year (Mar. 14-15, 2024, Sept. 19-20, 2024).

Agenda topics reflect timely concerns that are relevant and require external expert feedback for the Census Bureau's consideration.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee provides a broader level of technical and scientific expertise to address emerging program challenges and needs. Given the membership balance and technical expertise of this committee, such advice or information could not be obtained in a more cost-efficient or effective manner. This level of expert advice is not readily available from any other source.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations, established by the Secretary of Commerce in February 1994, was renamed the

"Bureau of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee," and reestablished, April 15, 2010.

Designated Federal Officer

Tommy Wright Chief, Center for Statistical Research and Methodology

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Balk, Deborah	08/15/2019	08/15/2025	Professor, Marx School of International and Public Affairs, Baruch College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bowen, Claire	04/11/2022	04/11/2025	Principal Research Associate	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Breidt, F.	08/15/2018	08/15/2024	Professor of the Department of Statistics at Colorado State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brunell, Thomas	11/14/2020	11/14/2023	Professor of Political Science	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clark, William	10/07/2020	10/07/2023	Associate Dean	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Czajka, John	08/15/2019	08/15/2025	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Entwistle, Barbara	07/06/2021	07/06/2024	Kenan Distinguished Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Evans-Lomayeva, Gwynne	05/31/2022	05/31/2025	Student	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Marazzi, Mario	08/15/2018	08/15/2024	Executive Director, Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mazumdar, Mainak	04/11/2022	04/11/2024	Chief Data Officer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McKellar, Jessica	08/15/2018	08/15/2024	Founder and the CTO of Pilot	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moore, Kristin	08/15/2019	08/15/2025	Child Trends	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Prevost, Ronald	04/11/2022	04/11/2025	Senior VP for Demographic Analysis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saenz, Rogelio	04/11/2022	04/11/2025	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spielman, Seth	04/11/2022	04/11/2025	Chief Data Officer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Syverson, Chad	04/11/2022	04/11/2025	Professor of Economics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Talwar, Kunal	08/15/2018	08/15/2024	Research Scientist, Google	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Waller, Lance	07/06/2021	07/06/2024	Professor, Dept. of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

The Bureau of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee advises the Director, U.S. Census Bureau on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geography, information technology, research and methodology, and other initiatives. The Committee addresses census policies, operations, cost efficiency, innovation, and a broad range of survey methodological concerns to ascertain needs and best practices to improve overall census programs and surveys. The Committee provides formal review and feedback on internal and external working papers, reports, and other documents related to the design and implementation of census programs and surveys.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Both the broader public and the Census Bureau will benefit from the insight and recommendations of the scientific experts and representatives who serve on CSAC. The information and advice CSAC provides cannot be obtained effectively and efficiently from any other source. There are no other sources available in one place to obtain this kind of advice in a timelier and more cost efficient-manner.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

860

Number of Recommendations Comments

During this reporting period, the Committee provided 100 recommendations, which are of a technical nature, encompassing several pages of content. There were 40 recommendations accepted and 4 partially accepted during FY23. The Census Bureau is still exploring options for the remaining recommendations. The Census Bureau will provide detailed comments and responses to each recommendation in writing.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

71%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Census Bureau fully accepted 40 of the committee's recommendations during this reporting period. The Census Bureau responds through formal written response to each recommendation. Agency responses are posted on the advisory committee public website on Census.gov.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

7%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Census Bureau partially accepted 4 recommendations during this reporting period.

The Census Bureau responds through formal written response to each recommendation. Agency responses are posted on the advisory committee public website on Census.gov.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Census Bureau responds through formal written response to each recommendation. Agency responses are posted on the advisory committee public website on Census.gov.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The Census Bureau provides access to information through the electronic transmittal of reports, press releases, and data products. We also provide access at meetings and in periodic Updates from program areas (i.e., the American Community Survey). We also post the Bureau's responses to the committee's recommendations on the Advisory Committee webpage.