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### **Press Advisory**

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## **U.S. Census data for Maryland due this week; Adjustments for redistricting based on “No Representation Without Population Act” will follow**

The U.S. Census Bureau will release local-level 2010 Census Data for Maryland, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa and Vermont this week. However, the Maryland population count will not be final for redistricting purposes upon receipt of those figures. The count will still require adjustments pursuant to Maryland law passed in 2010, the “No Representation Without Population Act” (SB 400, HB 496). Generally, the law requires that the census data must be adjusted to reassign Maryland residents in correctional institutions to their last known address and to exclude out-of-state residents in correctional institutions from redistricting. That analysis is ongoing. The adjusted count will be released in mid-March.

For each state, the Census Bureau will provide summaries of population totals, as well as data on race, Hispanic origin and voting age. These data will be presented for multiple geographies, such as census blocks, tracts, voting districts, cities and counties. The Census data provides the basis for federal funding formulas for various programs. Tables, charts and maps showing population characteristics by race as well as the change from 2000 for the State as well as counties, places and census tracts will be available at the State Data Center web site. It can be accessed from [Planning.Maryland.gov](http://Planning.Maryland.gov), after the Census Bureau releases the information.

Like all states, Maryland must draw new Congressional districts ([U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 2](#)) and State legislative districts ([Maryland Constitution Article III, Section 5](#)) based on the principal of one-person one-vote following the decennial Census of the United States. The redistricting process, which began with the Census count in spring 2010, will continue with public hearings, review and analysis of proposed plans and eventual adoption of revised districts. They will be in place in time for the Congressional primary of 2012 and the State Legislative Election of 2014. Basic information on apportionment and the upcoming redistricting process in Maryland is also available at <http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/home.shtml>

The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) is the repository of Reapportionment and Redistricting maps and data products. MDP is Maryland's designated State Agency coordinator for the Census Redistricting Data Program with the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

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