



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2019-13D

Creating the Governor's Census 2020 Complete Count Commission

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, every ten years, in order to reapportion the membership of the U.S. House of Representatives among the states and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the next decennial census will be conducted on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of Ohio's population is essential for the fair representation of the citizenry, as the census determines congressional representation and redistricting; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, local governments, and nonprofit organizations will rely on census data for planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that certain households, special populations, and hard-to-enumerate areas are at risk of being under-counted and under-represented, including young children, who are at the heart of the future success of our State; and

WHEREAS, the State and federal governments will use aggregate information gained through the census, including population counts, housing and other data, to distribute billions of dollars in funding to essential programs, including education, health care and human services; and

WHEREAS, the State and its local governments utilize census data to provide descriptions of the social and economic characteristics of geographic areas and population groups to determine those areas' and groups' funding needs for infrastructure projects, economic development programs, job training, schools, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, to achieve a complete and accurate census count, it is important to involve representatives of the private and public sectors, Ohio's local governments, State agencies, and other important stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do hereby order and direct that:

1. The Census 2020 Complete Count Commission (the "Commission") is hereby established and shall develop recommendations and assist in the administration of the decennial census to facilitate the most complete and accurate census count in the year 2020, including implementing strategies to reach hard-to-count populations and hard-to-enumerate areas.
2. The Commission shall consist of up to 51 individuals, all of whom I will appoint and will serve at my pleasure. The Commission shall consist of one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party nominated by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party nominated by the President of the Ohio Senate, and representatives from State government, all levels of local government, business, academia, community and nonprofit organizations, ethnic and faith-based communities, elected and appointed officials, and the Development Services Agency.
3. The Commission shall include representatives from all regions of the State.
4. I will designate the Chairperson of the Commission.
5. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.
6. All Cabinet Agencies, Boards and Commissions shall cooperate and provide assistance as needed to the Commission in performing its functions. The Commission will receive administrative services and assistance from the Development Services Agency, which provides oversight of all population programs in the State.
7. No later than December 1, 2019, the Commission will submit written, actionable recommendations to me and each cabinet-level State Agency, Board and Commission on how the State can receive the most complete and accurate census count in the year 2020.
8. Upon completion of these recommendations, the Committee shall meet no less than quarterly to assess and provide guidance to the work to carry out the recommendations. No later than December 1, 2021, the Commission will submit a written report analyzing the 2020 Census process and recommending improvements in advance of the 2030 Census.

I signed this Executive Order on April 15, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio and it shall expire on December 31, 2021.


Mike DeWine, Governor

ATTEST:

Frank LaRose, Secretary of State

