

Economic Impact of the 2020 Census Undercount in Texas: Opportunities for 2030

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Today's Presentation

- a) Who we are
- b) Why we were established
- c) What questions we are answering
- d) Our data and methodology
- e) Key findings
- f) Example of impact
- g) What's next for the Texas Census Institute

But first, let's learn about our audience!

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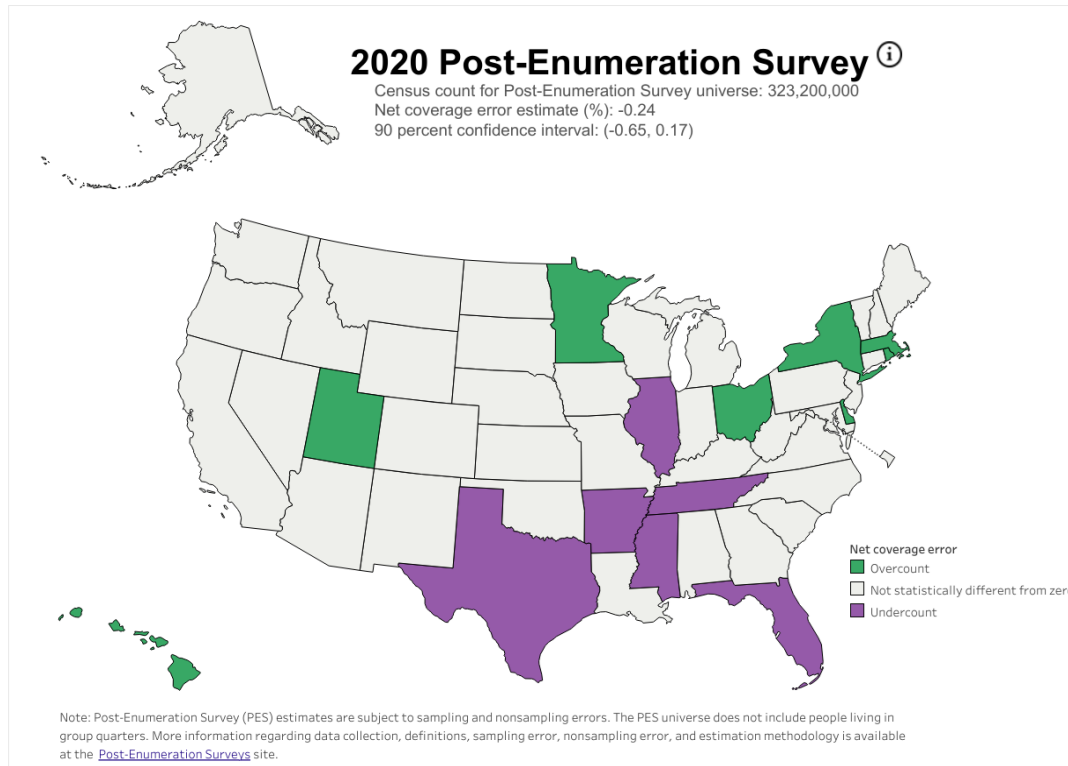


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Our Motivation

2020 Census Undercount



Texas Census Count
28,540,000

Texas Undercount
 (Net Coverage Error)
-1.92%

Texas Undercount
 (Population)
547,968

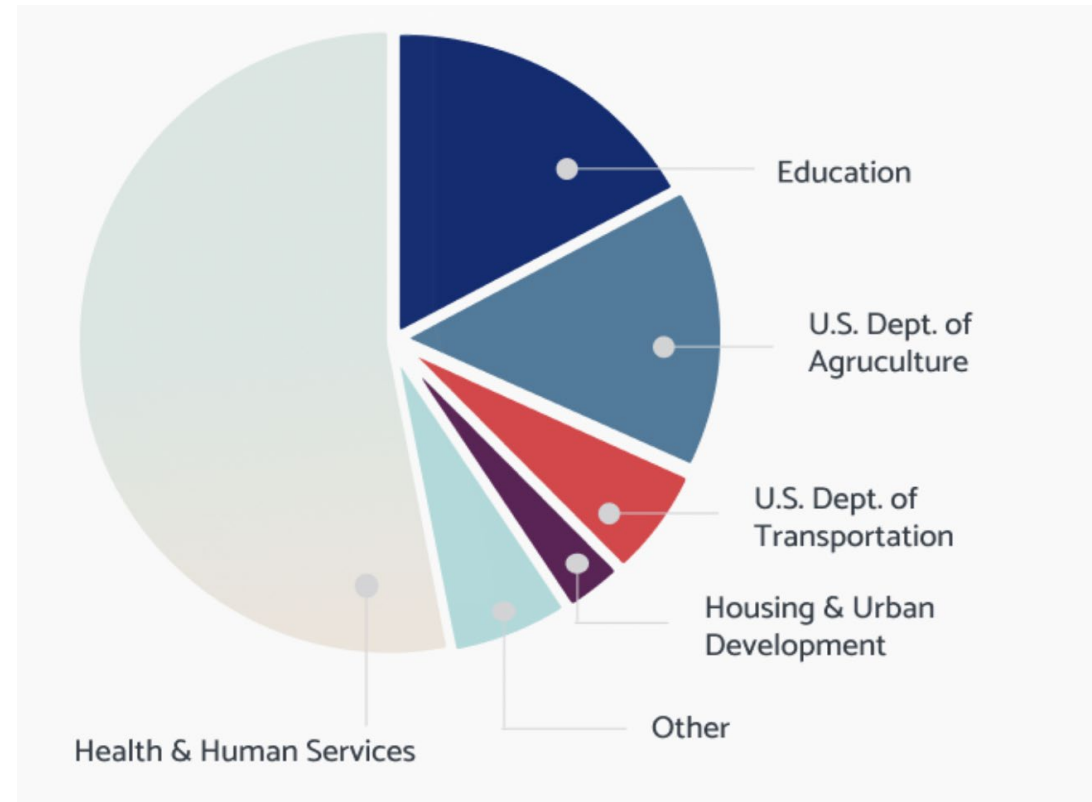
The Impact of the Census in Texas

Estimated annual distribution for federal funding in Texas = \$150+ billion

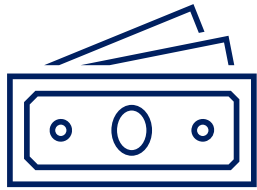
Funding from 350+ federal programs are distributed to states and communities based on population data.

In 2020 alone, Texas lost \$2.8 billion due to the undercount.

By 2030, we estimate that Texas will have lost over \$25 billion.



Census data is used for...



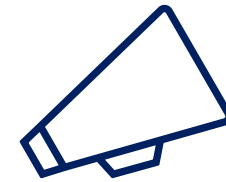
**Money
Distribution**
Influences
roughly \$2.8
trillion in
federal funds



Influence
Determines
apportionment
and district
boundaries



**Planning &
Research**
Identifies local
needs and
evaluates
impact



**Community
Resources**
Informs policy
for underserved
populations

Sources:

U.S. Census Bureau (2023) (Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2023/dec/census-data-federal-funds.html>)

U.S. Census Bureau (2021) (Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2020/dec/2020-apportionment-data.html>)

Our Mission

Provide independent, non-partisan, data-driven census policy and program guidance that encourages census participation so all Texans can enjoy a great quality of life.



RESEARCH



EDUCATION



PARTNERSHIPS

The Texas Census Institute focuses on three pillars to accomplish our mission and increase support, participation, and accuracy of the census.

→ **Research**

- ◆ How census data and the undercount impacts our resources, as well as how more accurate (i.e., complete) census data could enrich our economy, infrastructure, water supplies, school and health care systems, and improve life for at-risk populations.

→ **Education & Advocacy**

- ◆ An informed and engaged community is key to a successful census. TxCI provides independent, nonpartisan research data to community stakeholders - from elected officials to nonprofits and community activators - helping them be well-informed regarding the importance of the census and educating them in the many ways that census data impact their quality of life.

→ **Partnerships**

- ◆ TxCI works with community leaders, policymakers and other stakeholders around the state to share information and activate census engagement..

KEY TAKEAWAY 1

Counting people correctly is essential for:

- planning,
- access to federal funding,
- political representation, and
- closing gaps for our most vulnerable populations

The 2020 undercount cost Texas an estimated \$25 billion in federal funds

The Challenge?

*Understanding the scope, location, and **impact** of the 2020 Census undercount in Texas when there is no information of the undercount at the county level.*

Our Research Questions

- What is the ***economic impact*** of the undercount in Texas?
- What are the ***industries*** in Texas that are most impacted to the effects of undercounting?

Our Data

The Texas Census Institute uses:

- The Project on Government Oversight's (POGO) list of federal programs that rely on census data to allocate resources
- 2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey Results
- 2-digit NAICS classification

Our Methodology

First, we ***assign industry classifications to federal programs***. We use the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and assign it by following three steps:

- Validate CFDA codes recorded by POGO.
- Understand the 338 programs' objective and plausible relationships with the industry.
- Identify relevant 2-digit NAICS industry, or sector, the federal assistance program is intended to support the most.

Our Methodology

- Second, we measure the **direct economic impact** on output at the industry level in the scenario in which the undercount rate affects proportionally to the federal funds received by a state.
- Third, we measure the **total economic impact** on output, value added, labor income, and jobs, using industry-level multipliers obtained with IMPLAN. Their approach is based on Leontief's Open Input-Output Model.

Our Methodology

- Fourth, we ***aggregate industry-level total economic impact results to the state level*** to understand what the state-wide impact would be.

Defining Economic Impact

Economic Impact can be separated into the following categories:

- Direct
- Indirect
- Induced
- Total

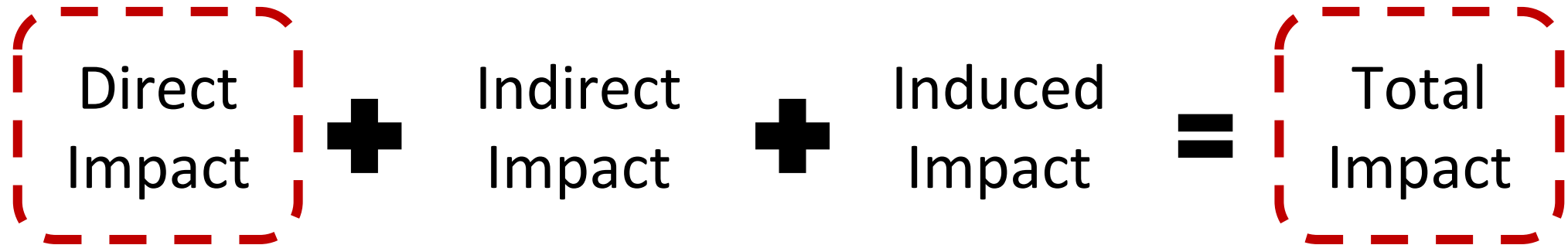
And measured, or observed, in terms of the following variables:

- Output
- Labor Income
- Value Added (GDP)
- Jobs

Defining Economic Impact (IMPLAN's Approach)

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Defining Economic Impact (IMPLAN's Approach)



Defining Economic Impact

OUTPUT

OUTPUT				
Intermediate Inputs	Employment Compensation	Proprietor Income	Taxes on Production & Imports	Other Property Income

Source: IMPLAN.

Defining Economic Impact

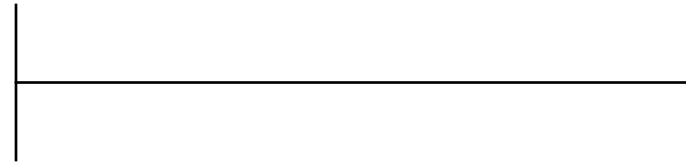
VALUE ADDED

VALUE ADDED				
Intermediate Inputs	Employment Compensation	Proprietor Income	Taxes on Production & Imports	Other Property Income

Source: IMPLAN.

Defining Economic Impact

LABOR INCOME



Intermediate Inputs	Employment Compensation	Proprietor Income	Taxes on Production & Imports	Other Property Income
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Source: IMPLAN.

Defining Industries

We use the 2022 version of the 2-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) which contains 20 industrial classifications.

We found that programs relate to 14 industries directly and to all 20 industries via indirect and induced effects.

Impact on Key Industries

Economic Impact of the 2020 Census Undercount in Selected Texas Industries, FY 2020.

2-Digit NAICS Industry	Output	Labor Income	Value Added	Jobs
62. Health Care and Social Assistance (No-COVID)	\$2,421,125,055	\$1,464,579,428	\$1,492,581,348	22,981
<i>62. Medicare A, B, D, Medicaid, Medicaid Part D- Clawback, and SNAP</i>	\$2,128,224,857	\$1,287,399,152	\$1,312,013,487	20,201
<i>62. Health**</i>	\$292,900,199	\$177,180,276	\$180,567,861	2,780
53. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$457,041,734	\$39,978,210	\$303,138,960	1,184
52. Finance and Insurance	\$377,487,276	\$109,147,927	\$166,495,498	1,514
54. Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$229,363,913	\$131,091,641	\$155,290,638	1,388
	\$1,629,067,877	\$602,138,438	\$866,419,913	11,401
Total	\$5,114,085,857	\$2,346,935,644	\$2,983,926,359	38,469

Note: The NAICS code corresponds to the 2022 NAICS version. Industries are ordered by the economic impact in output. Other industries are 31-33. Manufacturing, 56. Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services, 42. Wholesale Trade, 44-45. Retail Trade, 51. Information, 72. Accommodation and Food Services, 23. Construction, 81. Other Services (except Public Administration), 48-49. Transportation and Warehousing, 61. Educational Services, 22. Utilities, 55. Management of Companies and Enterprises, 92. Public Administration (Government Enterprises), 21. Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction, 71. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and 11. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

KEY TAKEAWAY 2

The Economic Impact of the 2020 Census undercount goes beyond industry specific numbers... there is interconnectedness in all the industries.

Overall Economic Impact on Texas

Over the next 10 years, the 2020 Census undercount will cost Texas:



\$51B+
Output



384K+
Jobs



\$23B+
**Labor
Income**



\$29B+
GDP

Overall Economic Impact on Texas

In 2030, if the 1.92% undercount remains the same, the consequences are even larger for Texas:



\$51B+

\$57B+

Output



384K+

434K+

Jobs



\$23B+

\$26B+

**Labor
Income**



\$29B+

\$33B+

GDP

KEY TAKEAWAY 3

The impact of an undercount becomes greater over time, even if the percentage stays the same.

Industry Case Study

Over 10 years, the 2020 Census undercount will cost the
Construction Industry:



\$1.1B+
Output



7.3K+
Jobs



\$470M+
Labor
Income



\$565M+
GDP

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County Case Study

Harris County has...

...148,932 workers in the construction industry, with an average annual payroll of \$74K and...

...7,461 businesses in the construction industry, with an average of 20 workers each.



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Economic Impact

So, yearly, Harris County would lose...

...31,688 jobs in the construction industry and...

...4 workers in each business in the construction industry.

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Questions?

Up Ahead for 2024

Partnership Expansion

Regional Partnerships

- Gulf Coast and South Texas (RGV)
- State Partnerships
 - Texas GIO (Texas GIS Office)

National Partnerships

- 2030 Census Advisory Committee, U.S. Census Bureau
- National LUCA Working Group

Education

Events

- RGV Community Partner engagements (May and August 2024)
- DC Fly in with North Texas Commission (April 2024)
- North Texas Community Partner Engagement (Fall 2024)
- TDC Annual Conference and Population Reference Bureau ACS Panel (May 2024)

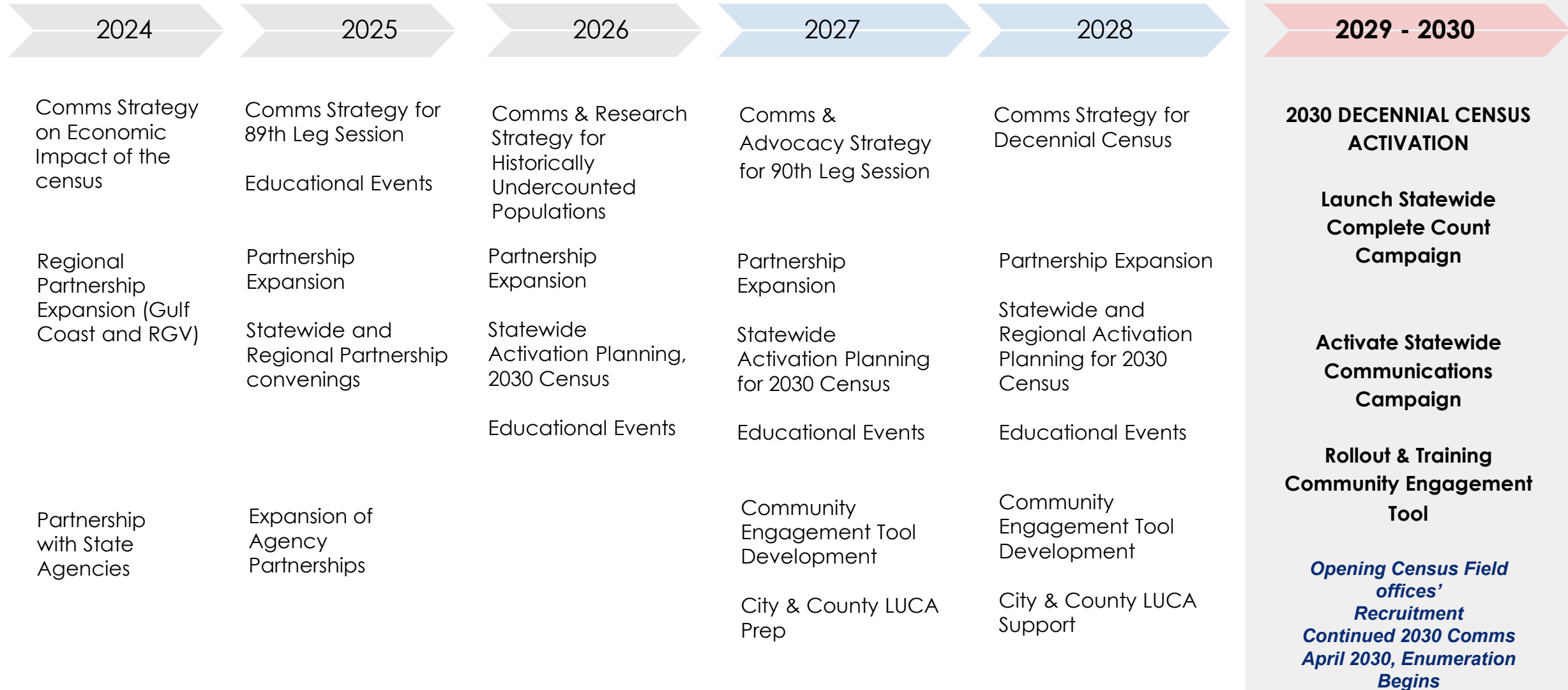
Data Visualization

- Data/Dashboard Rollout: Visualizing funding Implications, District recaps

Research

- Economic Impact of the Undercount on Texas Initiative
- Children's Census Initiative
- LUCA Data Analysis

Our Path to a Complete Count in 2030



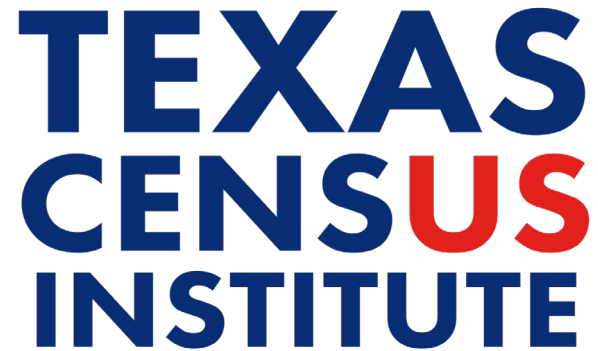
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