

2020 Post-Enumeration Survey Puerto Rico Briefing (English)

Director's Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

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- Good morning. I'm Robert Santos, director of the U.S. Census Bureau. Thank you so much for joining us to discuss the 2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey results for Puerto Rico.
- As the first Latino director of the Census Bureau, I bring my values, life experiences, and culture. I believe celebrating our collective diversity will help the Census Bureau move forward in a positive direction, leading to more informed decisions and higher quality data.
- The Census Bureau takes scientific integrity and transparency seriously. Part of our commitment to those values is assessing the data quality of our decennial census and sharing those results publicly.
- We've been transparent about how the 2020 Census encountered numerous data collection and operational challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters—challenges that raised concern from stakeholders and demographic experts about data quality.
- Assessments like the PES can help to address those concerns. They also provide important insights for improving future data collection. We want to ensure that we understand the quality profile of Puerto Rico on its own so that we can learn how to better collect data on the island in the next census.
- It's important to note that the Census Bureau only releases statistical data that have passed rigorous quality standards and are deemed to be fit for the intended use of the data.
- We believe it is important to provide the people of Puerto Rico with information to understand the strengths and limitation of our statistical data. Knowing the quality profile actually increases data utility.
- Thank you again for joining us to discuss our 2020 Census research and findings. We welcome your input on the Post-Enumeration Survey results. We also recently published a Federal Register Notice asking for your suggestions for the 2030 Census, and I hope you will send us your ideas for improving our work in Puerto Rico.