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Timeline for Census Data and Redistricting

Revised April 29, 2021

April 1, 2020 – Census Day.

October 2020 – End of Census Self-Response and Non-Response Follow Up periods.

April 26, 2021 – U.S. Census Bureau (USCB) releases population and reapportionment totals to the states.

April/May 2021 – The Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission will begin meetings in advance of the 2020 Census data release date in August. Meeting dates will be posted to redistricting.maryland.gov as they are scheduled. Meetings will continue until a final plan is presented.

August 2021 – USCB has announced it will release the 2020 Census data in what is known as “Legacy Format” in “Mid to late August.” Maryland has used this data format previously and thus can utilize it for their interactive mapping applications in 2021. After the data is received from the USCB, as required by Maryland law, incarcerated individuals will be reallocated back to their last known address prior to incarceration. This is the adjusted count used for redistricting. This process will take approximately four weeks.

September 30, 2021 – USCB has announced it will release the final 2020 Census data in a newer format than it has used in the past. While it is anticipated there will not be substantial differences between the Legacy format and the new format, the USCB cannot guarantee the data will be identical. No maps will be accepted to the Commission until the new format is accessible and validated.

January 12, 2022 – Legislative district plan due to the Maryland General Assembly. This is applicable to state legislative districts only. As the Maryland Constitution and the Maryland Code are silent as to the process of drawing of Congressional districts, they will also be drawn and submitted prior to this date.

February 22, 2022 – Candidate Filing deadline for 2022 Primary Election. Under current state law, a certificate of candidacy must be filed no later than 9 p.m. on the last Tuesday in February.

February 26, 2022 – Final date for the Maryland General Assembly to act on a legislative redistricting plan.

June 21, 2022 – Last day to request an absentee ballot, for the primary election, be sent via mail or fax.

June 24, 2022 – Last day to request an absentee ballot, for the primary election, be sent via the Internet.

June 28, 2022 – Primary Election Day. Under current state law, the primary election occurs on the last Tuesday in June.

November 8, 2022 – General Election Day. The general election always occurs on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.