



Census Bureau Statement on American Community Survey Data

Feb. 19, 2021 — On [Jan. 21](#), the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Census Bureau advised that it would reengage with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to confirm that the Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) data produced from the American Community Survey (ACS) continue to meet its statistical needs. On Feb. 16, the Census Bureau received a letter from DOJ stating that the CVAP data from the ACS, on which it has traditionally relied, are adequate for its enforcement of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. DOJ did not request compilation or release of additional citizenship or CVAP data beyond this ACS data. As of Jan. 12, the Census Bureau had stopped all work on producing block level CVAP data for the 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau has released the CVAP sample data at the block-group-level from the ACS annually since 2011. The most recent release

was on Feb. 1, 2021. The Census Bureau intends to continue releasing this data from the ACS going forward.

Link: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2019.html>

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