

# The Statewide Database: Release Overview

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# What is the Statewide Database?

- Under subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, it is the Legislature's responsibility to provide a complete and accurate computerized database for redistricting
- That responsibility is fulfilled by the Statewide Database (SWDB)
- The Statewide Database builds and releases the 'official redistricting database' for the State of California
- The Redistricting Database was released on September 20, 2021
- It is publicly available free of charge at [statewidedatabase.org/redistricting](http://statewidedatabase.org/redistricting) 2021
- The Statewide Database builds and releases data: we do not draw lines or analyze data for local jurisdictions

# What was released by the Statewide Database on September 20, 2021?

- Adjusted PL 94-171\*
  - reflects the reallocation of data for certain incarcerated populations to their last residential address
- Adjusted tables P2, P4, P5
- Adjusted Citizen Voting Age Population from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey
- Statements of Registration and Statements of Vote for the General Elections 2008 – 2020

All datasets are released on 2020  
Census Block Geography

# Pending Releases

(over the next few days)

- Unadjusted Citizen Voting Age Population Data (Currently only available on 2010 block geography)
- Statements of Registration and Statements of Vote for Primary Elections 2008 -2020 and for Primary and General Elections 2002-2008
- Documentation for all Datasets
- Updated PL 94-171 with minor changes to race/ethnicity on some blocks (does not affect total population by block; avoids confusion)



# Adjustment numbers

- Federal Incarcerated Persons as reported by Census: 14,786
- State Incarcerated Persons as reported by Census: 122,393
  
- Incarcerated Person Data  
Reallocation by Area:
  - Geocoded to Address: 56.4%
  - Smallest Geographical Area: 43.6%
    - >Block: 12.1%
    - >City/County: 26.8%
    - >State: 4.7%

# New Total and Ideal Populations

- Unadjusted Total Population as reported by Census (and Google!): 39,538,223
- Adjusted Total Population reflecting reallocated incarcerated population data: **39,523,437**
- Difference: 14,786
  
- Ideal Populations by District:
  - Congress: ~760,066
  - Senate: ~988,086
  - Assembly: ~494,043
  - BOE: ~9,880,859

# Useful things to know about the Statewide Database

- We collect data from all Statewide Elections
- At the beginning of each decade, with the release of the new census geography and data, we process all of these data on the new geography
- After we released the reformatted “Legacy file” on August 18, we were able to begin with that process
- The 2021 redistricting database contains all of the data we have collected over the past 20 years plus the American Community Survey’s Citizen Voting Age Population and the new PL 94-171 file on the same unit of analysis: the 2020 census block
- The data are parsed out by City and County so that our local users don’t have to download the entire state to get started
- We have made spreadsheets available that list the adjusted total population for each City and County in the State of California

# Where to get data and how to stay updated

- Please go to:  
**[statewidedatabase.org/redistricting2021](https://statewidedatabase.org/redistricting2021)**

To download data and reports

- Please view the '**Latest Updates**' feed on our homepage at **[statewidedatabase.org](https://statewidedatabase.org)** to find out when new data, documentation or reports are posted
- If you need help or have questions, you can contact us at:

**[contact@statewidedatabase.org](mailto:contact@statewidedatabase.org)**

THANK YOU!