



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
FY2015 Appropriations Update
May 13, 2014
(reflects House Appropriations Committee mark-up)

On May 8, 2014, the House Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FY2015 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill (H.R. 4660). The House is scheduled to consider the bill beginning on May 28th.

Here is where the Census Bureau stands with regard to its funding levels after full committee mark-up. The numbers in parentheses for the Administration's requests are the increase/decrease over FY2014 (current year) funding. The numbers in parentheses for the committee/subcommittee marks are the decrease from the requested funding level. Numbers are rounded.

Census Bureau total:

Administration request: \$1.211 billion
Committee mark: \$1.106 billion (-\$105m, a 9% cut)

Salaries and Expenses account:

Administration request: \$248 million
Committee mark: \$248 million

Bill language: The bill requires the Census Bureau to include, in the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement, health insurance coverage questions that were included in the survey prior to this year. The Census Bureau implemented a new set of CPS health insurance questions in 2014, after a decade of research to improve the data gathered through the questions. However, after *The New York Times* reported on the revisions last month, some lawmakers and media outlets accused the Obama Administration of orchestrating the changes to hide the effects of the Affordable Care Act. The committee report does not explain the requirement further, and it is unclear how the Census Bureau would implement both sets of questions (the CPS Supplement is already in the field) or how much it would cost to do so.

Periodic Censuses and Programs:

Administration request (total): \$963 million (+270m)

Administration request (2020 Census): \$689 million (+224m)

2020 Census Planning: \$443 million (+212m)

American Community Survey: \$246 million (+\$11m)

Administration request (other relevant activities):

Economic Census: \$119 million (+5m)

Data Processing Systems: \$ 65 million (+34m)

Subcommittee mark (total): \$870 million (-\$94m)

2020 Census Planning: \$387 million (-\$56m)

ACS: \$237 million (-\$9m)

Economic Census: \$115 million (-\$4m)

Data Processing Systems: \$ 43 million (-\$22m)

(Note: Program distributions are set forth in the sub/committee report, not the bill itself.)

Full committee mark (total): \$765 million (-\$105m)

Note: The House Appropriations Committee adopted, by voice vote, two amendments that further reduced the Periodic Censuses and Program account by \$11 million. The distribution of the additional cut among Periodic Censuses programs is unspecified.