

CENSUS BUREAU
FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS: HOUSE & SENATE COMMITTEE COMPARISON

	FY2012 ACTUAL	FY2013: PRES. REQUEST	FY2013: HOUSE MARK¹ (H.R. 5326)	+/- FROM REQUEST	FY2013: SENATE MARK² (S. 2323)	+/- FROM REQUEST
CENSUS BUREAU³ TOTAL	\$888.336M	\$970.365M	\$878.693M	-\$91.732M	\$970.365M	+/- \$0
PERIODIC CENSUSES & PROGRAMS	\$635.0M	\$711.25M	\$625.357M	-\$85.893M	\$694.250M +\$16.940M from WCF ⁴	+/- \$0 (assuming WCF transfer)
2020 Census	\$66.630M	\$131.425M	\$79.829M	-\$51.596M	N/A	N/A
Economic Census	\$112.292M	\$152.738M	\$132.292M	-\$20.446M	N/A	N/A
SALARIES & EXPENSES	\$253.336M	\$259.175M	\$253.336M	-\$5.839M	\$259.175M	+/- \$0

¹ House Appropriations Committee approved on 4/26/12 by voice vote.

² Senate Appropriations Committee approved on 4/19/12 (28-1).

³ "Census"

⁴ Census Bureau's Working Capital Fund

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	HOUSE REPORT (H.Rpt. 112-463)	SENATE REPORT (S.Rpt. 112-158)
WORKING CAPITAL FUND	Notes Census evaluation of WCF, based on GAO Nov. 2011 report, due Aug. 2012; requests briefing by end of Sept. 2012.	Directs Census not to amass unspent appropriations in WCF and to use WCF only for reimbursable surveys. Transfers to WCF will be considered "reprogramming," subject to reporting to Appropriations committees.
2020 CENSUS COST	States that cost of 2020 Census "will not" exceed \$13B cost of 2010 Census. Directs Census to submit 2020 Census spending plan within 90 days of appropriations enactment and to submit life cycle cost estimate with FY2014 budget request. Notes reduced funding due to failure to choose methods to reduce response rates.	Notes estimated 2020 Census cost of \$22B - \$30B (no source cited). Directs Census to reduce cost of 2020 Census below cost of 2010 Census and to consider lowering cost to equal 2000 Census, "not adjusting for inflation," which was roughly \$6.5B. Notes that "cost overruns" were problem in 2010. Directs Census to submit report within 90 days, with budgetary and strategic plan that includes specific steps to reduce cost below 2010 Census and outline of challenges to achieving that goal.
LINE ITEM FUNDING	Allocates specific funding amounts to specific programs/activities in both Periodic Censuses and Salaries & Expenses accounts. The committee did not set forth line item funding in FY2012 but did in FY2010. (No report in FY2011)	Does not specify "line item" funding.

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ECONOMIC CENSUS	Reduces funding request by roughly \$20M because "responses are not due" until Feb. 2013 and Census does not begin data tabulation and analysis until later in FY2013.	No report language on Economic Census; committee press release says funding level "fully supports core programs, like the Economic Census."
INTERNET RESPONSE OPTION	No specific reference but highlights development of <i>cloud computing infrastructure</i> to support future IT requirements. Directs Census to consult with NIST experts to ensure IT systems are "appropriately secure from cyber intrusion" and will reduce overall costs.	Directs Census to make "web-based version" of census forms available in 2020. Tells Census to use best cyber security practices to ensure confidentiality of personal information.
GROUP QUARTERS (GQ)	No mention.	Points to "failures" in counting "significantly sized group facilities (200 people or more)" in the census. Says Census, not local government, shall pay for recount of group quarters missed in the decennial. Asks for report on number of GQs missed in 2010; enumeration cost; plan to recount in FY2013; plan to ensure better GQ coverage in future.