

**Statement by Former U.S. Census Bureau Directors
November 10, 2021**

**In Support of Census Bureau Decision to Delay Release of 2016-2020 American
Community Survey Estimates**

We commend Census Bureau's many adaptations over the last year and a half to continue its work across the decennial census and more than 130 surveys, including the American Community Survey (ACS) during the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite their best efforts, the Census Bureau is facing serious declines in response rates arising from the pandemic, and today's decision to delay release of the ACS 5-year estimates is the right decision.

Vincent Barabba (1973-76 & 1979-81)

Kenneth Prewitt (1998-2001)

Robert Groves (2009-2012)

John Thompson (2013-2017)