

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 18, 2025

Ron S. Jarmin
Acting Director
U.S. Census Bureau
4600 Silver Hill Road
Washington, D.C. 20233

Dear Acting Director Jarmin:

As members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, we write to express our deep concern about the repeated undercounting of Illinois' population in the Census Bureau's official estimates. We request a member-level briefing on the planning and implementation of the 2030 U.S. Census, with particular focus on how Illinois will be impacted.

It has been reported for sometime that Illinois was undercounted during the 2020 census.¹ On January 4, 2024, the State of Illinois reported that more than 46,000 residents were not counted in the 2020 Census.² That undercount may have contributed to Illinois' reported population loss and reduced our congressional representation as well as the federal resources that support our schools, hospitals, roads, and families. Given the inaccuracies from the previous census, we would like to ensure that any future census counts every Illinoisian.

Illinois is one of the most diverse states in the country, home to immigrant families, rural communities and communities of color who are too often undercounted. For years, we have raised concerns that inaccurate counts deprive these communities of their fair share of resources and weaken their representation in Congress.

In particular, we request the following information:

1. The Bureau's outreach and engagement strategies in Illinois to reach historically undercounted populations, including immigrant communities and communities of color.
2. Planned updates in methodology or technology since the 2020 Census to improve accuracy, data security, and efficiency.
3. The projected impact of Illinois' demographic trends on congressional representation and federal resource allocations.
4. Opportunities for collaboration with state and local governments, community organizations, and trusted partners to maximize participation.

We respectfully request a member-level briefing at your earliest convenience. Your insight will be invaluable as we prepare to ensure Illinois receives a representative count in the 2030 Census. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

¹ [Illinois Undercounted in 2020 Census, Actually Grew to 13 Million — The State's Largest Population Ever — NBC Chicago- May 20, 2022](#)

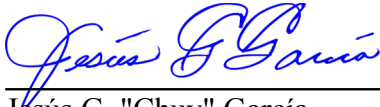
² [Gov. Pritzker Announces Increased Illinois Census Numbers Following State Request for Review- January 3, 2024](#)



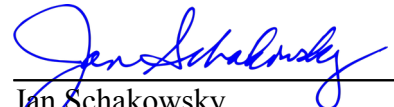
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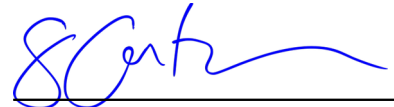
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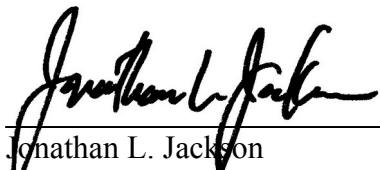
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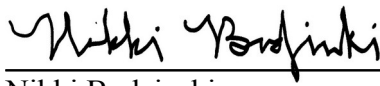
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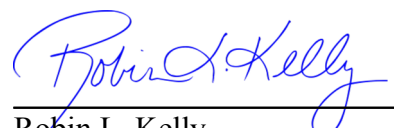
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