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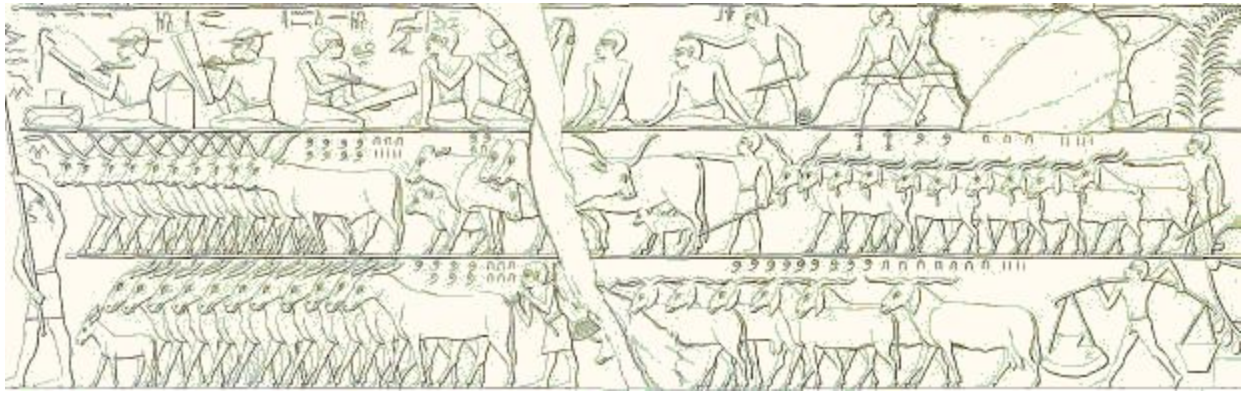

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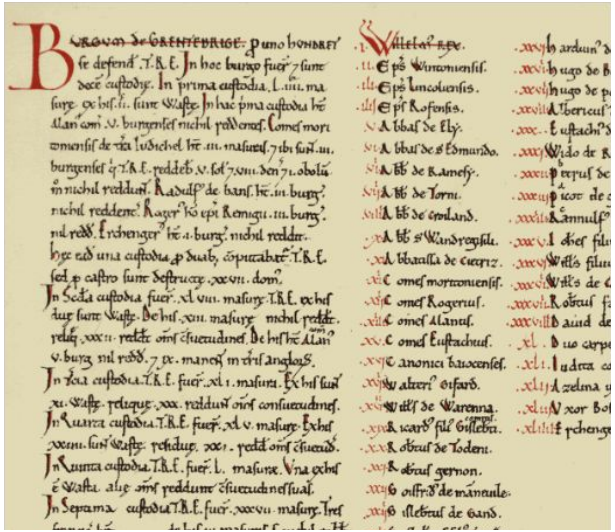

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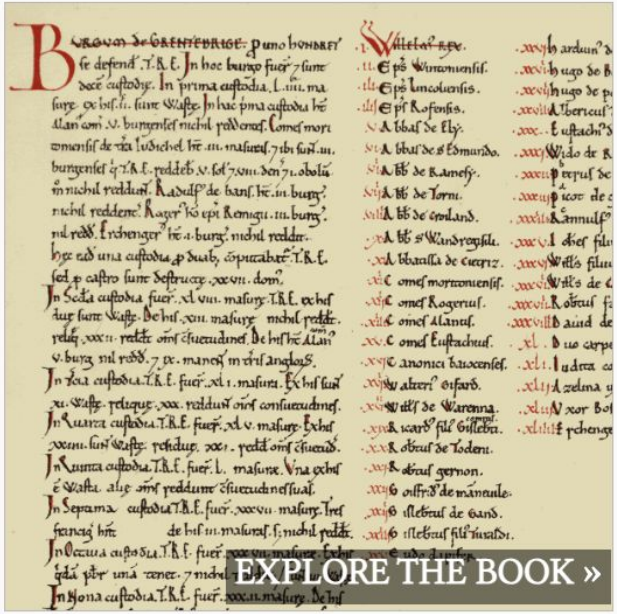


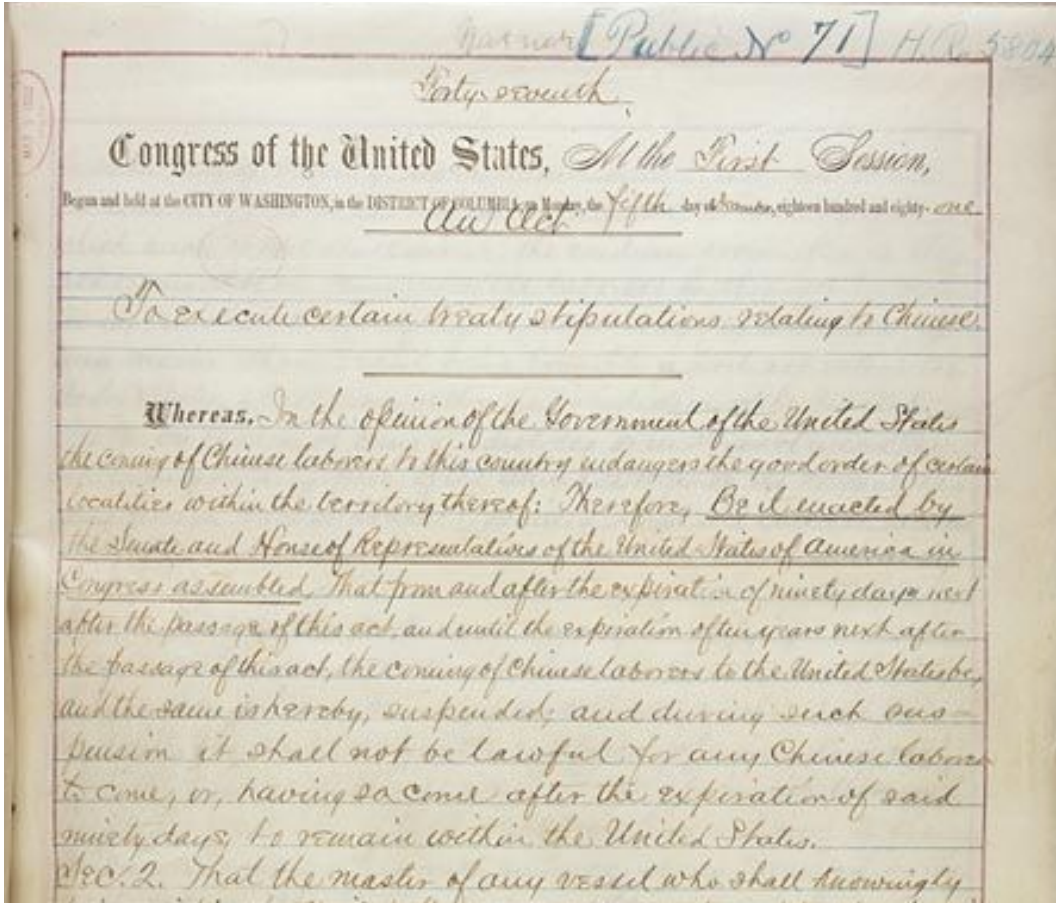
fast forward many hundred years...

“Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers…”

- The Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 2.

“The Immigration Act of 1924 (also known as the Johnson-Reed Act and the National Origins Act) established the **1890 census as the basis for determining how many immigrants would be admitted** — the limit for each nationality was 2 percent of that nationality already living in the United States and recorded by the census takers.”

- [U.S. National Archives]



[Public No. 71] H.R. 5804

Forty-second

Congress of the United States, At the First Session,

Begun and held at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, in the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, on Monday, the fifth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

An Act

To execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese.

Whereas, In the opinion of the Government of the United States the coming of Chinese laborers to this country endangers the good order of certain localities within the territory thereof: Therefore, Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the expiration of ninety days next after the passage of this act, and until the expiration of twenty years next after the passage of this act, the coming of Chinese laborers to the United States be, and the same is hereby, suspended; and during such suspension it shall not be lawful for any Chinese laborer to come, or, having so come after the expiration of said ninety days, to remain within the United States.

Sec. 2. That the master of any vessel who shall knowingly

and a few hundred more years...

An official website of the United States government Here's how you know

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censuses are very old! at face value they are usually about taxes and representation

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The **National Historical Geographic Information System** (NHGIS) provides easy access to summary tables and time series of population, housing, agriculture, and economic data, along with GIS-compatible mapping files, for years from 1790 through the present and for all levels of U.S. census geography, including states, counties, tracts, and blocks. *Read more*.

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WHAT IS IPUMS?

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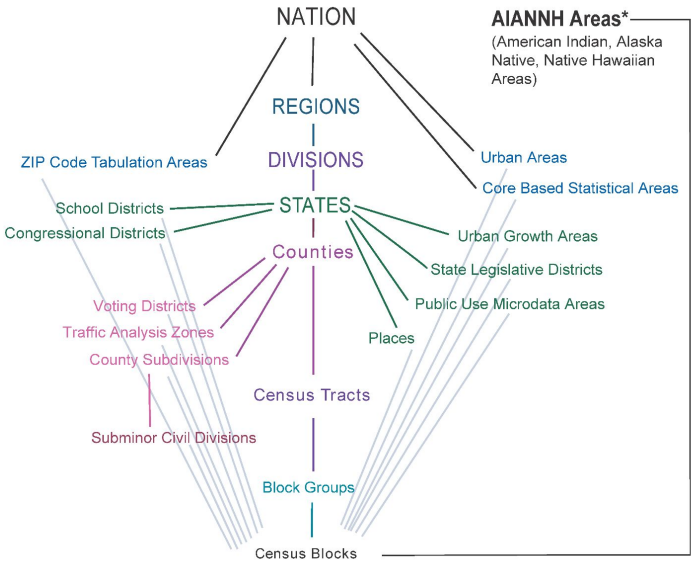
Standard Hierarchy of Census Geographic Entities



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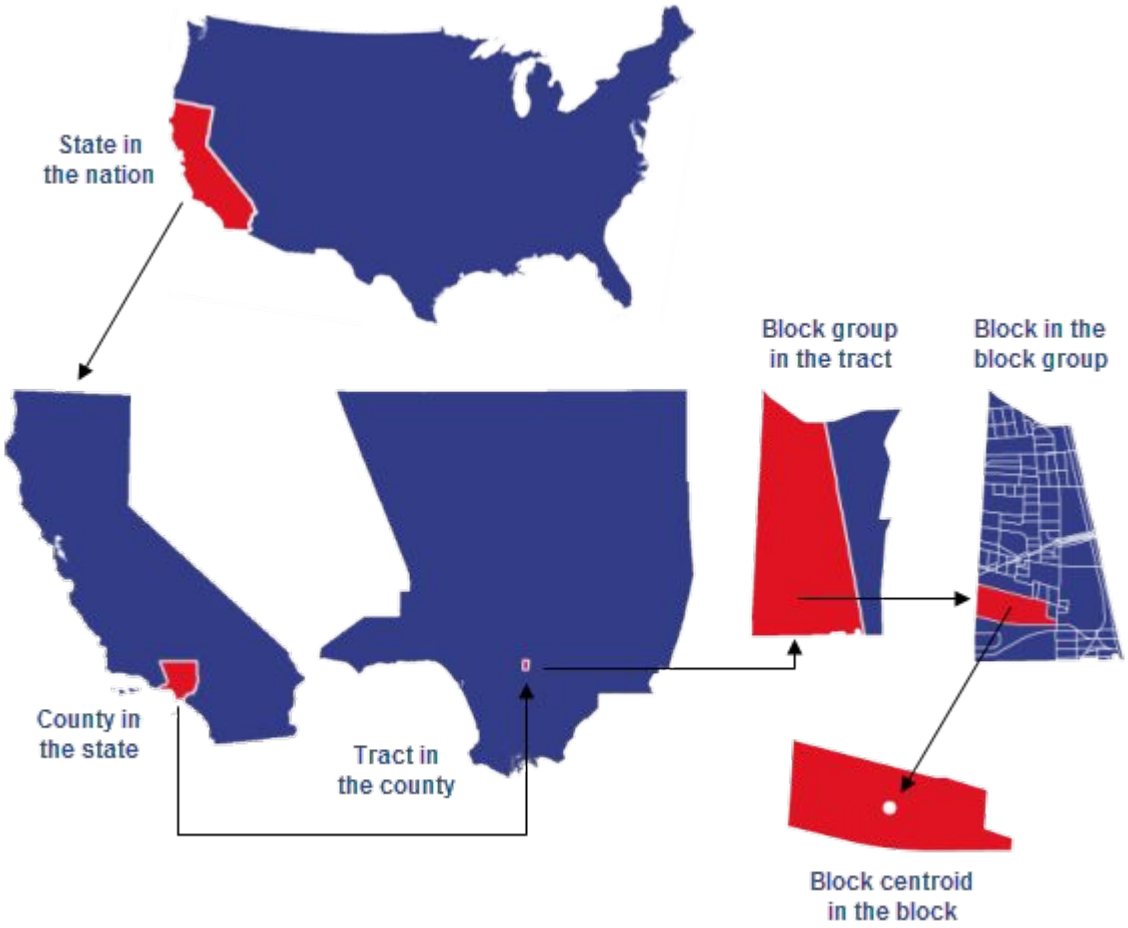
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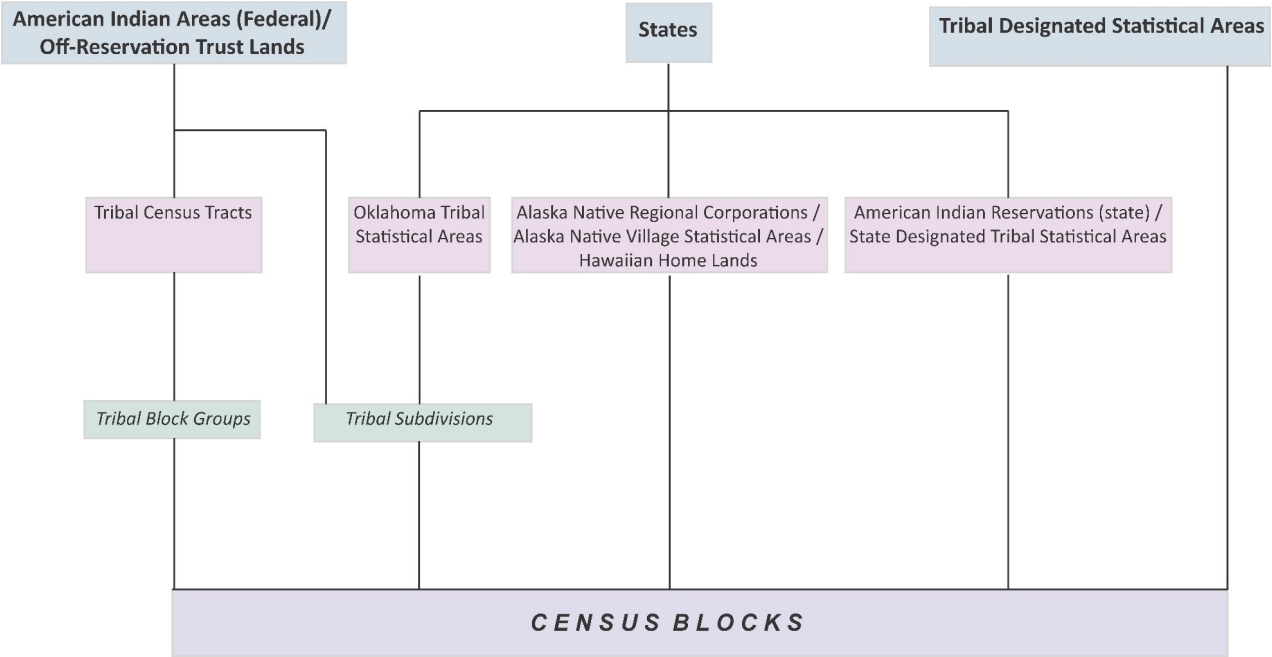

major geographic entities in u.s. census

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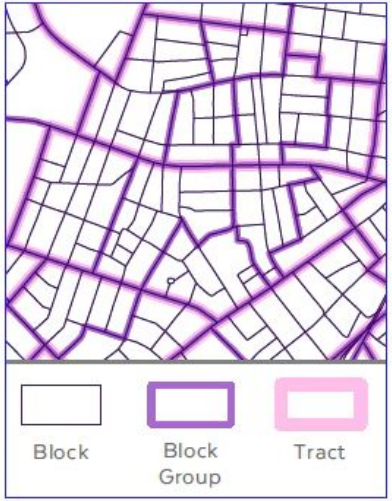
block

census blocks, the smallest geographic area for which the Bureau of the Census collects and tabulates decennial census data, are formed by streets, roads, railroads, streams and other bodies of water, other visible physical and cultural features, and the legal boundaries shown on Census Bureau maps



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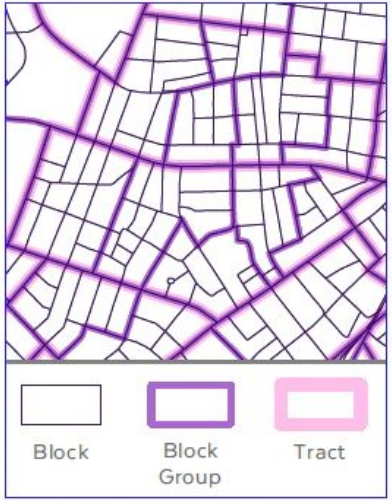
block groups (BGs) are the next level above census blocks in the geographic hierarchy. typically **600-3,000** people live here. a BG is a combination of census blocks and a subdivision of a census tract



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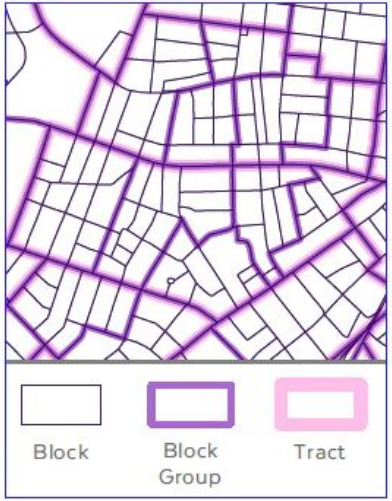
tract

census tracts are small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county. They're uniquely numbered in each county with a numeric code. Census tracts average about **4,000** inhabitants, with a minimum population of **1,200** and a maximum population of **8,000**



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US censuses can be decennial (*ten years*) **or surveys (**ACS**)**

INFORMATIONAL

Start here OR go online at **my2020census.gov** to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.

Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at my2020census.gov or call the number on page 8.

The census must also include people without a permanent place to live, so:

- If someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from here, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Number of people = ☐☐

2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?

Mark ☒ all that apply.

- ☐ Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- ☐ Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- ☐ Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- ☐ People staying here temporarily
- ☐ No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — *Mark ☒ ONE box.*

- ☐ Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*
- ☐ Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- ☐ Rented?
- ☐ Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number?

We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number

☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐

FORM **DI-Q1** (05-31-2019)

Person 1

5. Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

What is Person 1's name? *Print name below.*

First Name

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Last Name(s)

6. What is Person 1's sex? *Mark* ☒ *ONE box.*

☐ Male ☐ Female

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? *For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.*

Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2020 years

Month

Day

Year of birth

➜ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

9. What is Person 1's race?
Mark ☒ *one or more boxes* ***AND*** *print origins.*

☐ White – *Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.*

☐ Black or African Am. – *Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.*

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.*

☐ Chinese
☐ Filipino
☐ Asian Indian
☐ Other Asian – *Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.*

☐ Vietnamese
☐ Korean
☐ Japanese

☐ Native Hawaiian
☐ Samoan
☐ Chamorro
☐ Other Pacific Islander – *Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.*

☐ Some other race – *Print race or origin.*

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Distinguishing features of ACS 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year estimates

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Census Bureau stopped work on data for protecting trans rights, former director says

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Hansi Lo Wang

After President Trump put out an executive order targeting gender identity, the U.S. Census Bureau stopped work on producing statistics that could help protect the rights of transgender people, the bureau's recently departed leader tells NPR.

The bureau, which is the federal government's largest statistical agency, has taken steps to remove gender identity questions from at least four separate surveys it conducts.

They include the National Crime Victimization Survey and the National Health Interview Survey, Robert Santos tells NPR in his first published interview since resigning last week. Brian Tsai, a spokesperson for the health survey's sponsoring agency, the National Center for Health Statistics, confirms in a statement to NPR that the change was made to comply with Trump's Executive Order 14168. The *Times Union* of Albany, N.Y., first reported on a directive that went out to one of the bureau's regional offices about the crime survey's change.

TECHNOLOGY

Trump administration's data deletions set off 'a mad scramble,' researcher says

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NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers are in what one described as “a mad scramble” to sort out what public data the Trump administration has deleted from government websites and electronic publications.

Late last week, federal agencies took down scores of government webpages as staffers hurried to comply with President Donald Trump’s order rolling back protections for transgender people, which required the removal of “gender ideology” language from websites, contracts and emails.

Some of the sites were back online Monday, but data analysts say it’s not clear exactly what was removed or changed.

“You go looking for something and it’s just not there,” said Amy O’Hara, a Georgetown University researcher who is president of the Association of Public Data Users.

Social science researchers and other federal data users on Monday described feeling like a five-alarm fire was triggered when they discovered late last week that vital federal datasets were inaccessible.

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The public lost access to Census Bureau data for days after a Trump order

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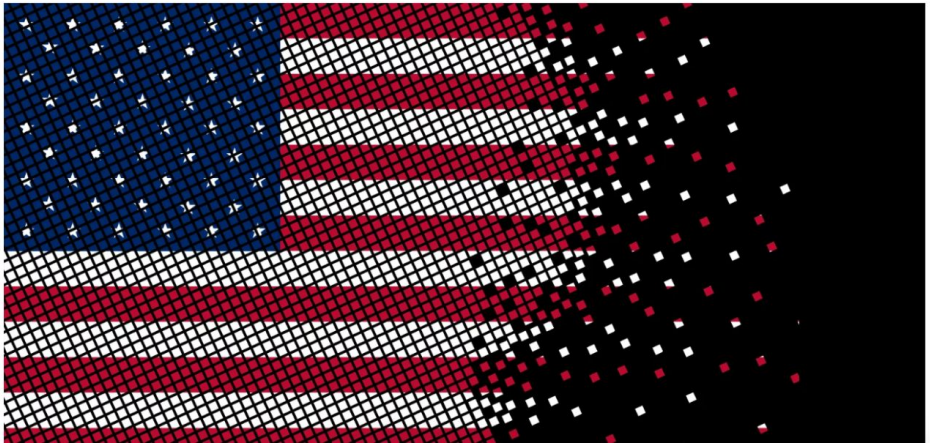

An apparent attempt by the U.S. Census Bureau to follow an executive order by President Trump targeting gender identity led to the public losing access for days to certain key statistics.

Close to two weeks after users first noticed many parts of the bureau's website — like those of other agencies — had gone dark, the federal government's largest statistical agency has yet to make any public statement about the disappearing data and research, at least some of which now appears to be restored.

How "data censorship" came to the Census Bureau

Before coming back, the bureau's homepage went offline on Jan. 31.

But even prior to that, an NPR analysis found at least four webpages related to the bureau's efforts to produce data on people's gender identity and sexual orientation were inaccessible as of Jan. 30, the day after the Office of Personnel Management put out guidance on how agencies should carry out Trump's Jan. 20 executive order.

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COUNTING FEMINICIDE

DATA FEMINISM IN ACTION

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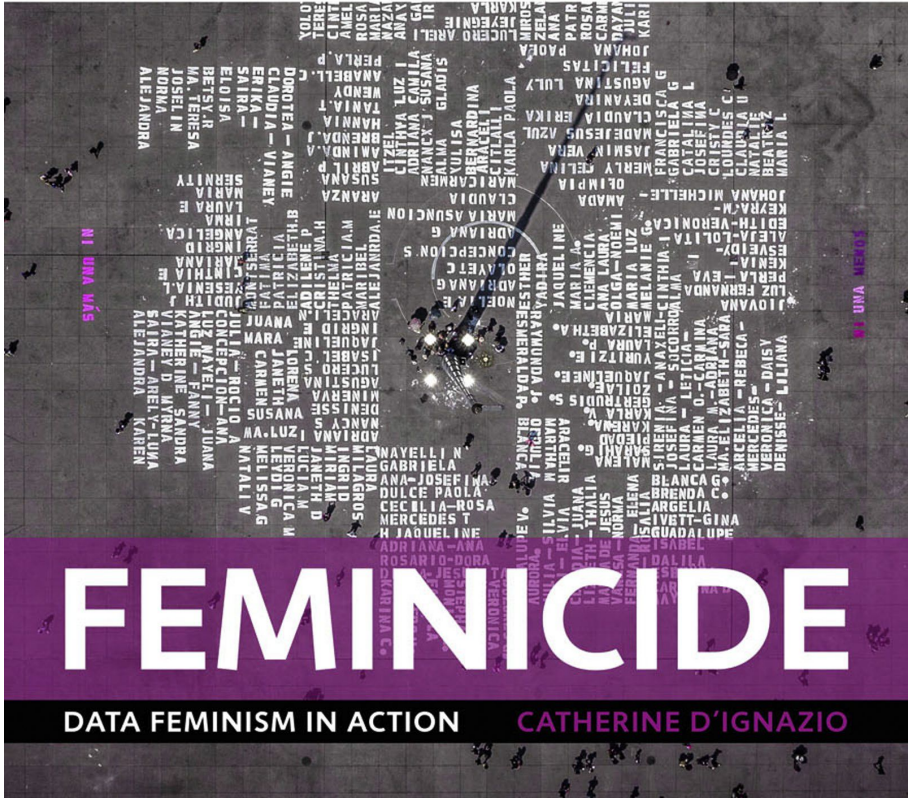

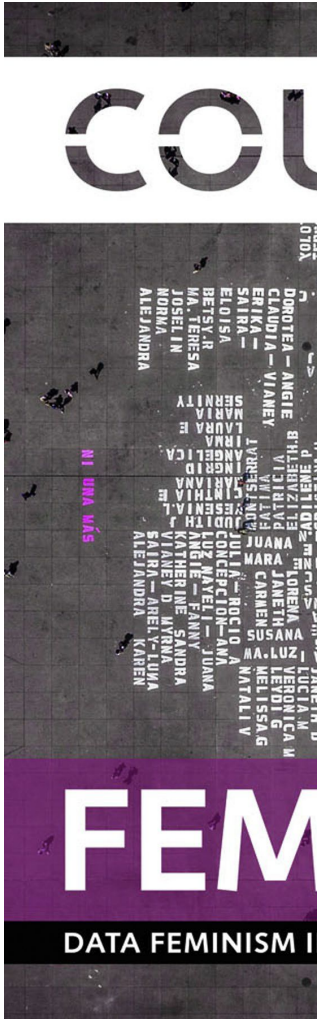

In *Data Feminism*, Lauren Klein and I frame data about feminicide as *missing data*—data that are neglected by institutions, despite political demands that such data should be collected and made available. Missing data may include data that are entirely absent but also data that are sparse, poorly maintained, infrequently updated, contested, removed, and/or underreported. In the case of feminicide, the state and its institutions systematically ignore the phenomenon, neglect to count cases, and often neglect to conceptualize gender-related violence in such a way that it could even be counted precisely—and thus it does not count. When the state and its institutions fail to collect important information, activists and journalists are increasingly stepping into those data gaps and producing their own *counterdata*—data that are produced by civil society groups or individuals to challenge structural inequality, to protest state bias and inaction, to galvanize media and public attention, to work toward policy change, and/or to help heal wounded communities. As Alice Driver notes in the case of Mexico, "The most accurate records of feminicide are still kept by individuals, researchers, and journalists, rather than by the police or a state or federal institution."[6] This is true for Mexico, and it also applies to countries in the Global North such as the United States and Canada that keep no records of feminicide because, in contrast to the vast majority of Latin American countries, they have no legal formulation of the concept (see table 1.1).

COUNTING

menting and aggregating and naming is a way of transforming the phenomena that are being measured from discrete, individual events into stable and solid examples of a widespread pattern. Or, as Kathleen Pine and Max Liboiron state succinctly, "measurements make things."[18] Scholars have described how technical artifacts like databases have a performative power to shape the ways that we see the world, which Lauren Klein and I discuss in chapter 4 of *Data Feminism*. For example, journalist Jonathan Stray discusses how the US census brought into being the category of "Hispanic" in 1980.[19] This is not to say people who spoke Spanish or immigrated to the United States from Latin America did not exist prior to that point, but there had not previously been a state classification of that social phenomenon as an ethnic identity category.[20] Once social concepts are named and measured, they may scale and circulate, and, when recognized

FEMINICIDE

DATA FEMINISM IN ACTION CATHERINE D'IGNAZIO

can you make your own counterdata?

EW + Follow

Malicious compliance gender patterns

View Source Code

NOT a government website. Girl, please Here's how you know

Not.gov

Topics Agency Media

Asking for gender

Our new administration provided us some guidance about asking our users about their sex (not gender!). But are they really being specific enough?

What they expect us to do

Classic "Are you a boy or a girl?"

Your sex:

- (●) Male
- ( ) Female

Hear me out: checkboxes instead of radios

This solves some problems. If the question is optional, not required, it solves more problems.

Online Only

This time around, nobody in charge has seemed to bother to go through the motions.

You Can Just Do Things

Patrick Blanchfield

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1560	6/13/2025 15:46	1647 Angelus Avenue	Los Angeles	CA	90026	$4,264.00	$5,995.00	6/13/2025	Zillow	https://www.zillo	Soledad Endara	Hava Zlotnik	The owner has c	ht
1561	6/17/2025 22:09	16564 Park Lane Cir	Los Angeles	CA	90049	$14,500.00	$24,000.00	1/12/2025	Zillow	https://www.zillo	rhiannon genov			ht
1562	7/18/2025 8:57:1	290 North Hudson Aver	Pasadena	CA	91101	$2,800.00	$4,045.00	4/26/0025	https://www.renta	https://www.renta		HINES	This building was	ht
1563	8/1/2025 18:07:5	464 N Greencraig Road	Los Angeles	CA	90049	$7,500.00	$14,000.00	7/29/2025	Zillow	https://www.zillo	Todd Stein / Can	Kalman,Daniel Tr	D And G Kalma	ht
1564	11/12/2025 9:45	378 Grand Ave	Monrovia	CA	91016	$7,200.00	$10,000.00	6/12/2025	Zillow	https://www.zillo	Annie Deng	Ann Lapatkova		ht
1565	2/13/2026 21:06	1948 S. Point View St	Los Angeles	CA	90035	$15,995.00	$21,300.00	2/13/2025	Zillow	https://www.zillo	Christian Crane	Shimon Kanino a	Prior to February	ht

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