Count Everyone, Include Everyone

Why Accessible and Representative Data Matters for the Disability Community

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Presentation Overview

- 2020 Census Summary
- Importance of Federal Disability Data
- Navigating Disability Data
- Application & Recommendations
- Interactive Q&A Session
- Resources
Which state lost a seat in the House of Representatives by 89 persons?
2020 Census Summary

● 2020 Census Results
  ○ Apportionment (April 2021)
  ○ Decennial Census Redistricting Data (August 2021)

● What’s Next?
Why is federal disability data important?
In addition to the decennial census, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts additional surveys that provide useful information about the American population.

The American Community Survey (ACS) and Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) provide the most comprehensive federal disability data.
Federal Agencies Spotlight

- Disability is a part of every community.
- All federal data is important.
- Our federal disability data report includes spotlights of various federal agencies that track disability data.
Where can I find federal disability data, and how do I use it?
How to Navigate Data

- The U.S. Census Bureau Regional Offices collect and disseminate data throughout the entire year.
- There are currently seven regional offices.
- For location-specific information about the 2020 Census, you can contact the (temporary) Regional Census Centers (RCCs).
Considerations

● The scope and specifications of federal data varies among agency and department. It is important to identify your advocacy/research needs first to ensure you find the most useful information.

● Gaps in Federal Data
  ○ Different Definitions of Disability
  ○ Health Disparities, Racial Inequities, etc.

● Aggregated vs Disaggregated Data

● Bidirectional Engagement
How does federal disability data apply to our work?
How can we use this data?

- **Population Changes**
  - “Nursing facilities/skilled-nursing facilities’ population increased 8.3% to 1,627,046.”

- **Federal Resources**
  - P&A, Education, Transportation, Nutrition, etc.

- **Representation and Redistricting**
  - Data Guided (Informed) or Data-Driven (decision-making)
Recommendations

Federal Agencies

➔ Enhanced Engagement
➔ Equitable Access

Disability Community

➔ Community Conversations
➔ National Advisory Committee and Public Comment
➔ Participation and Accountability
Q&A Session
Resources

● NDRN Census Website: https://www.ndrn.org/issues/census/
● Contact your Regional Offices: https://www.census.gov/about/regions.html
● U.S. Census Bureau, Upcoming Data Releases: https://www.census.gov/data/what-is-data-census-gov/upcoming-releases.html
Thank you!