

The Census Bureau should change its practice of considering incarcerated people as residents of a correctional facility where they are held. The Bureau has chosen to continue counting people in the wrong place, ensuring an inaccurate 2020 Census.

This hurts urban areas, and especially communities of color because by counting incarcerated people as if they were “residents” of the correctional facility, it makes the Census less accurate for everyone: rural and urban communities; incarcerated persons and their families; governmental authorities trying to draw accurate redistricting plans; researchers trying to understand the demographics of local communities.

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