

I wish to submit the following comment on the US Census Bureau's Residence Rule:

The Census Bureau is wrong to consider incarcerated people as residents of the correctional facility because the effect of this policy is to strengthen the representative power of the locality in which the prison is located and decrease the representation of the home communities of those incarcerated. Since a disproportionate share of the prison population consists of people of color, this perpetuates a system of disenfranchisement of people of color. It artificially decreases the counted population of the home communities and shifts power away from these areas to the (usually rural, more white) areas where correctional facilities are often located. The effect is racist and plainly wrong.

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