

Census 2020 Wrap-Up

Achieving a Complete and Accurate Count





#### **CENSUS 2020 GOAL**

Ensure that everyone is counted once, only once, and in the right place.

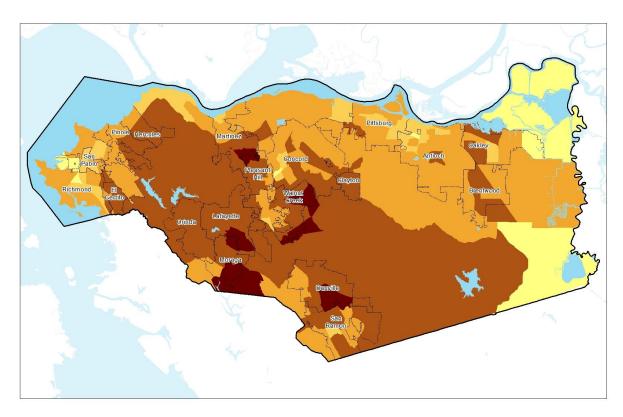
## Contra Costa County Census 2020 Goals

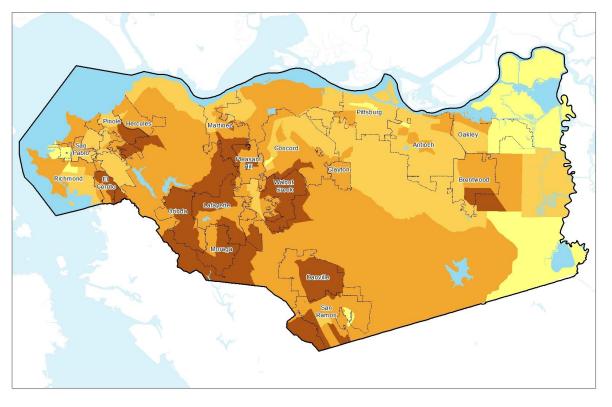
Exceed	Meet or exceed the 2010 Self Response Rate
Increase	Increase participation in hard-to-count communities
Collaborate	Collaborate with the U.S. Census Bureau, State, regional groups, the Regional CBO, Contra Costa cities and special districts, and community organizations to avoid duplication and effectively communicate the Census message
<b>Build</b> Capacity	Build additional capacity and strengthen Contra Costa County community-based organizations through Census outreach efforts

# Goal: Meet or Exceed the 2010 Self-Response Rate

2020: 77.4%

2010: 72.1%



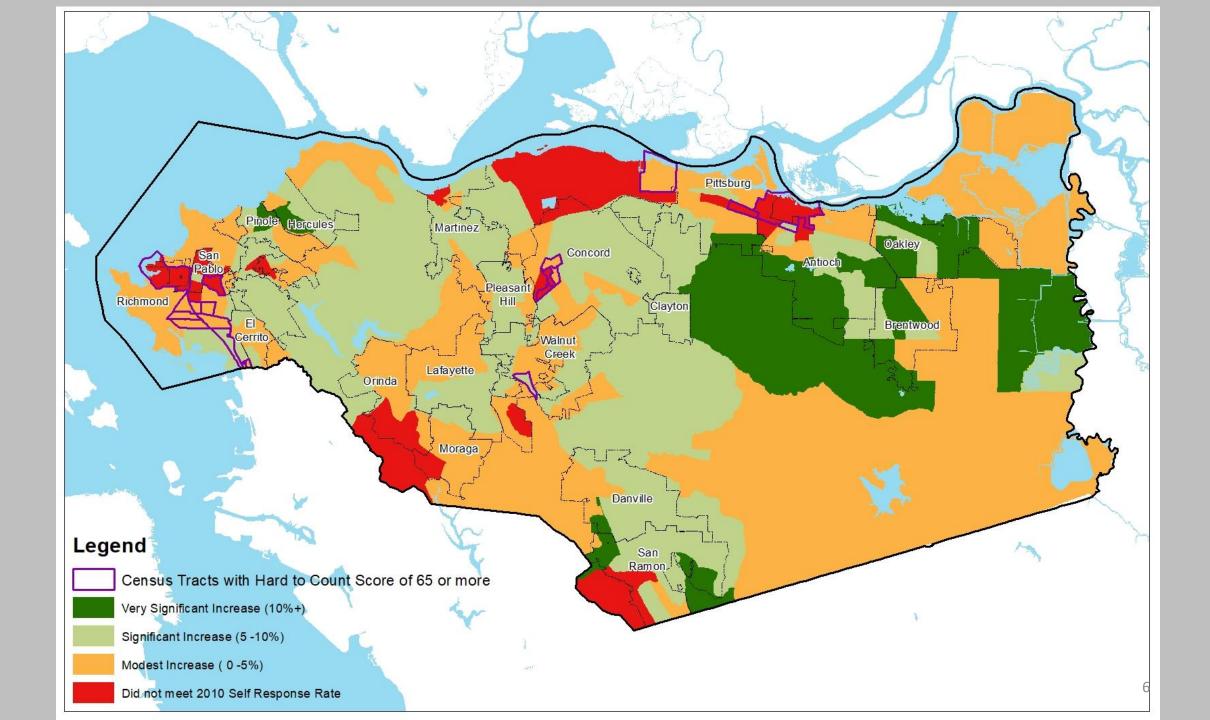


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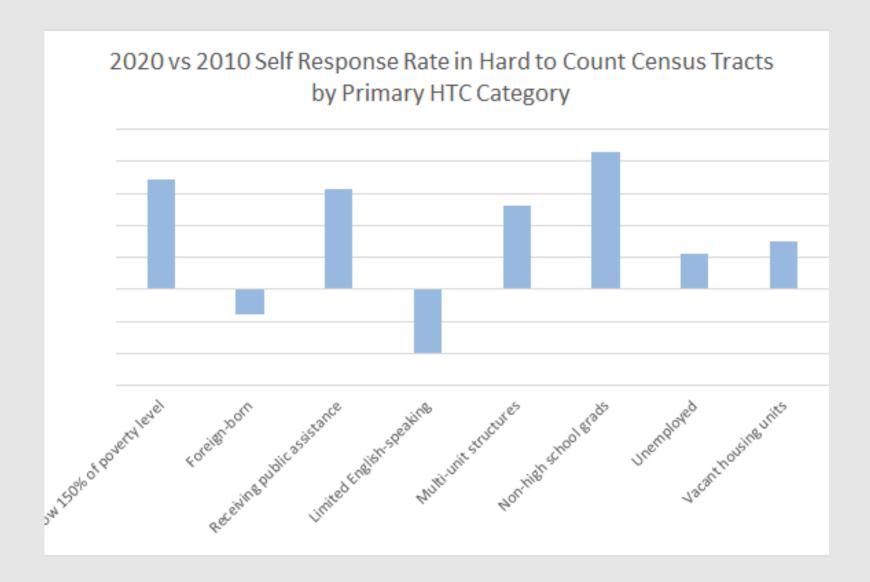
Nearly all Contra Costa County cities and unincorporated communities surpassed their 2010 Self-Response Rates.

Those that did not, were within 1% of meeting the 2010 Self-Response Rates.

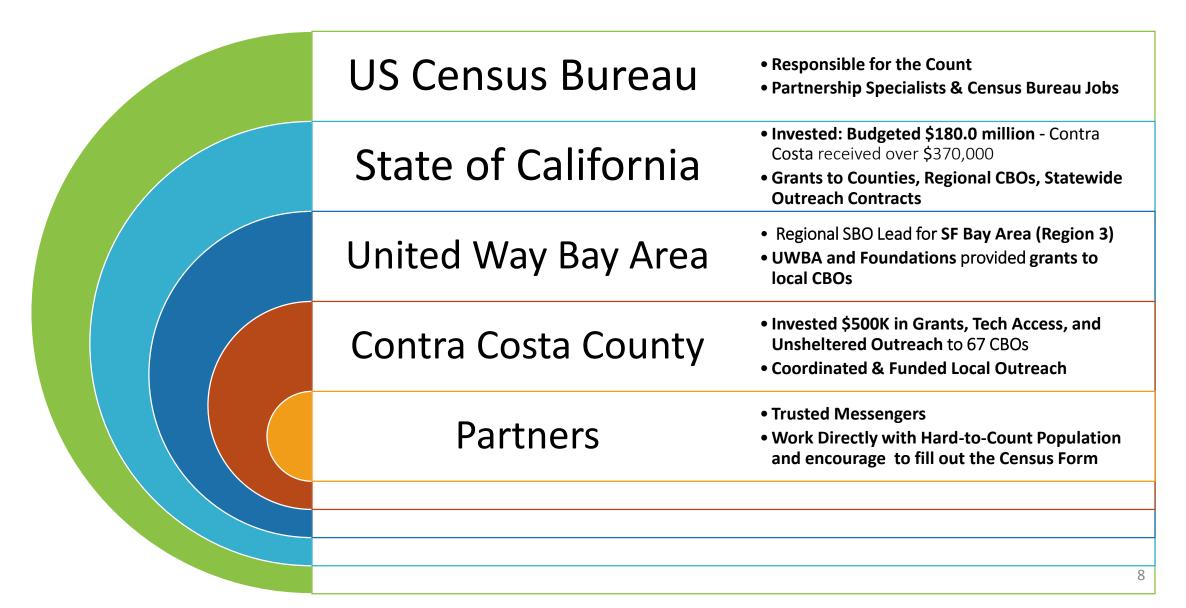
All during a pandemic.



Goal:
Increase
Participation
in Hard to
Count
Communities



#### **Goal: Collaborate with Partners**



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Consistent Reporting structure for funds between County, Region, and State

State developed robust GIS tool to inform outreach

Weekly coordination calls

**Excellent leadership from United Way Bay Area** and our State Program Manager, David Tucker

Shared resources and coordination for phone banking, canvassing, digital media, and others

Strong local support from dedicated Census Partnership staff

# Goal: Build Capacity and Strengthen Community-Based Organization

- Funded 67 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) throughout Contra Costa County through our Census Outreach and Assistance Grants.
- Over 97% of grant funding was directed to CBOs.
- Census provided an opportunity for CBOs to collaborate and forge new relationships with the County, cities, and other CBOs.
- Census Outreach provided a foundation for other County outreach efforts such as COVID-19 and Voter outreach.

# Strategy and Activities

#### **OUTREACH STRATEGY**

- Messaging Partners (social media, newsletter, etc.)
- Questionnaire Assistance Centers or Questionnaire Action Kiosks.
- Census Speakers Bureau
- Grant funding to CBOs for outreach efforts
- Adopt-a-Block (Canvassing)
- Census Ambassadors
- Media buys

#### **COVID PIVOT**

- Census Caravans
- Food Distribution
- Increased Phone Banking
- Increased Digital Ads
- Increased Social Media

### **Planned Activity: Messaging Partners**

**COVID: Critical Outreach pivot method** 



Over 400 Social Media Posts, Webinars, and emails



More than **337,000 Impressions**.

Estimated 37,000 Non-English Impressions

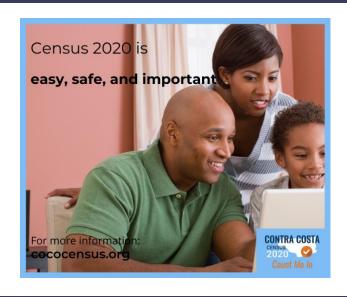


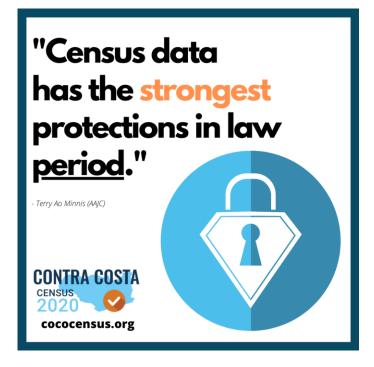
Developed Social Media and Newsletter Toolkits for Partners



CCTV provided FREE Video production for grantees

























## Planned Activity: Questionnaire Assistance

**COVID:** Highly Impacted – QACs could not open



Over 35 Form Filling Assistance Activities



More than 300 Households Served

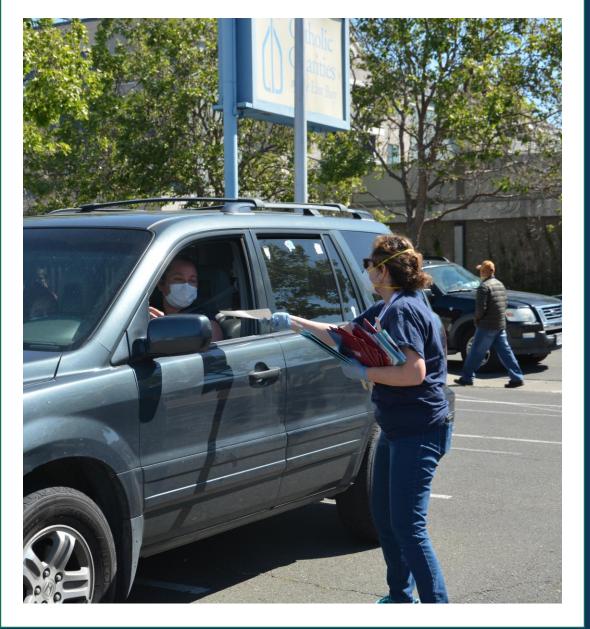


Estimated 50% of Assistance in Non-English Languages



Partnered with UWBA to **Provide "QAC in a Box,"** including **loaning devices to Partners** 





## Planned Activity: Adopt-a-Block (canvassing)

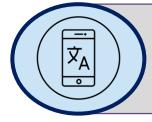
**COVID:** Highly Impacted – Phone Banking



About 100 Canvassing and Phone Banking Events



Over 23,000 impressions



Over 7,400 Non-English Impressions



Collaborated with State and UWBA to reduce duplication

## Planned Activity: Speaker Bureau / CBO Events COVID: Impacted - food distribution, caravans, and others



**230 Events, Speaking Engagement, Tabling,** and Other Outreach Activities



Over 69,000 impressions



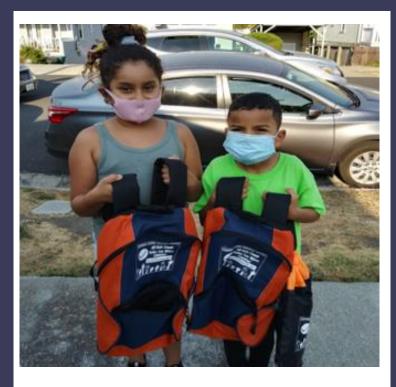
Over 7,000 Non-English Impressions



County provided over 25,000 flyers and swag distributed











#### El censo es fácil, seguro, confidencial, y importante

- La población latina es el segundo grupo étnico más grande de los Estados Unidos.
- Contra Costa se compromete a promover un censo justo y preciso que cuente a todas las personas residentes. Para que nuestras voces sean escuchadas, TODAS LAS PERSONAS DEBEMOS SER CONTADAS EN EL CENSO 2020. Completar el censo es su oportunidad de marcar la diferencia para usted, su familia y su comunidad.
- Un conteo de latinxs podría significar una pérdida de MIL MILLONES de dólares en educación, atención médica, transporte y otros programas para nuestras comunidades.
- Complete el censo hoy, para asegurarse de que nuestra comunidad sea contada y atendida.

¡Cuéntense! Es su oportunidad de hacer la diferencia para que se escuche su voz y ayudar a nuestras comunidades a prosperar durante la próxima década y más allá.





#### Planned Activity: Media Buys/Digital Ads/Transit/Etc.

**COVID: Slightly impacted** 



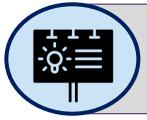
Over 80 advertising events and media buys



Over 860,000 impressions

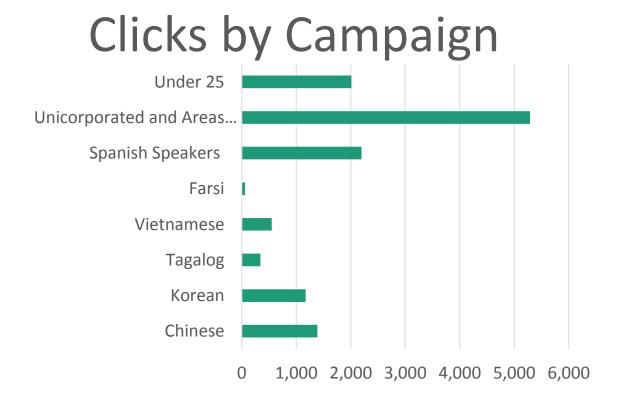


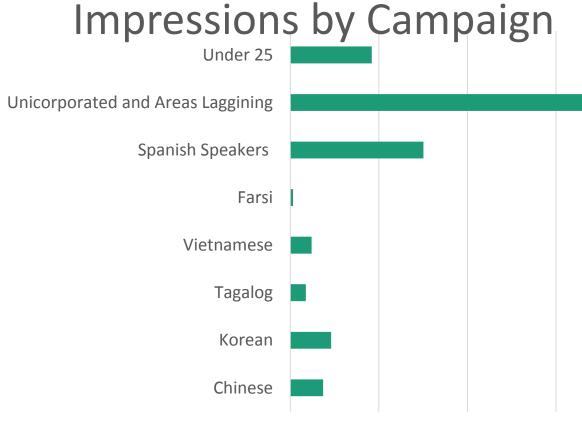
Over 65,000 non-English impressions



County invested funds in digital ads, transit ads, and sinage

#### **Digital Ads Analytics**















#### Challenges

#### • **COVID-19**

- Derailed in-person/peer-to-peer outreach strategy and Questionnaire Assistance.
- Led to high attrition of Census Enumerators who were ill prepared.
- **Distrust of Government**, particularly with immigrants.
- Lack of coordination with USCB, particularly with Service Based Enumeration.
- Difficulty reaching multi-family/multiunit residences.
- Changing enumeration deadlines.
- Staff time and competing priorities.
- Not having existing relationships with languagebased communities throughout County.

## Accomplishments

Increased	Increased self-response rate more than five points than 2010.
Third highest	Third highest self-response rate of all CA counties.
Second highest city	Second highest city self-response rate in state in Contra Costa County (Clayton)
Developed	Developed strong relationships with 67 organizations throughout the county.
Increased	Increased participation of Hard-to-count populations.
Strengthened	Strengthened regional relationships with other Bay Area counties and the state government.

#### **Recommendations for 2030**

- Continue to **build trust and maintain relationships** with Hard to County Communities and CBOs in the County starting now and not in 10 years.
- Continue to **provide County information in multiple languages** and develop relationships with community partners to assist in non-English language outreach
- Start planning process in April 2028
- Ensure Census Outreach Team is adequately staffed
- Have collateral and swag designed and ordered by December 2029
- Dedicate staff, space, and vehicle to census collateral and swag ordering and distribution
- Include cities more directly in outreach campaign
- Collaboration takes time allocate sufficient time for meetings with Federal, State, and Regional
  coordination
- Be ready to pivot in 2010 the foreclosure crisis impacted outreach and 2020 had a pandemic any 2030 bets?

# THANK YOU CONTRA COSTA **CENSUS 2020** Count Me In