

2010 Census Simulation: Comparing Administrative Records and Decennial Data

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The 2010 Census Simulation measures the coverage of administrative records data compared to 2010 Census results. In this study, administrative records from federal government agencies and commercial sources are matched to census results at the unit address and at the person level. This paper presents preliminary results from the simulation, including national, state, and congressional district counts. Comparisons by person characteristics such as race, Hispanic origin, age, sex, and housing tenure are also included. The 2010 Census Simulation is the first national level evaluation of administrative records data coverage. Results from the study will be used to inform future uses of administrative records at the U.S. Census Bureau. Full results from the study will be available in 2012.