

National Transit Database

2020 Rural Census Updates Report Year 2022







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Webinar Goal

 The goal of this webinar to review the changes to the NTD Reporting Process for State DOTs due to the anticipated release of the 2020 US Census Bureau Urban Area data in December 2022





Webinar Outline

- Census Change Process Overview and Resources
- NTD Use of Census Data
- B-10 and FFA-10 Review
- NTD Serve Rules
- Census Task Process
- Validation and Closeout





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Census Change Process Overview and Resources







What Changes Can I Expect?

- Agencies will be asked to review rural general public transit subrecipients to indicate which agencies are now operating in an Urbanized Area after the Census Bureau releases the 2020 data
- State DOTS will then need to complete the B-10 and FFA-10 forms using the new Census boundaries for any affected subrecipients
- NTD users who are CEOs, CEO Delegates, or NTD Contacts can log into the reporting system to review and complete this task.





When will the Data be released?

- The US Census Bureau anticipates the release of updated Urbanized Area Data in **December 2022**
 - Census Release Schedule

Release schedule for products:

- Lists of urban areas with 2020 Census population, housing units, and land area –
 December 2022
- 2. Urban Areas Maps December 2022
- 3. Shapefiles December 2022
- 4. Geodatabases January 2023
- 5. TIGERweb January/February 2023
- 6. Relationship Files January 2023
- 7. Cartographic Boundary Files May 2023





How Does This Schedule Affect NTD Reporting?

December 2022: FTA launches Census Tasks for open reports

Mid 2023:

NTD reporters complete Census tasks in line with their FYE Closeout Deadlines

September 2022: Launch of Report Year









December 2022:

Census Bureau Releases 2020 Census Data



FTA launches Census Tasks for remaining reporters as kickoffs are completed





How Does This Affect Submission?

- Original submission due dates will not change
 - Please refer to the <u>NTD Policy Manuals</u> for the list of due dates based on FYE
- You must complete all applicable forms in your RY22 report package, even if this is before the release of the Census task
- You must complete your Census task for FTA to consider your RY22 report complete





Where Can I Find Resources?

- Census Urban and Rural page is the page that FTA will be gathering the new urban area designations: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html
- FTA will release resources to this page, including a recording of this webinar, that will help agencies understand implications to NTD reports: https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/census-updates
 - Crosswalk of UZA Codes to UACE Codes





NTD Use of Census Data







Review: Who Reports to the Rural Module?

- All States, Tribes, and Territories benefiting from the FTA Chapter 53 funding
 - States report on behalf of current subrecipients (sub-grantees) that operate public transportation
- Previous subrecipients of 5311 funds that have continuing grant requirements
- Future subrecipients of 5311 funding (voluntary reporters)





Review: Who Reports to the Urban Module?

- Agencies that receive or benefit from § 5307 funding
 - Agencies that have a § 5307 funded asset still within its useful life
- Agencies that receive or benefit from § 5311 funding and provide public transit services within an urbanized area
- Voluntary reporters that serve an urbanized area





Use of Census Data in NTD

- FTA is required to use the most recent census areas in its apportionment formulas
- State DOTs submit Vehicle Revenue Mile service data which is then used in the rural formula for the associated Non-UZA
- Urban agencies complete two forms that contribute:
 - B-10 Identification Agencies identify UZAs/Non-UZAs served
 - ➤ FFA-10 Federal Funding Allocation Agencies allocate operational data to each area
- Formulas apportion funding per UZA or Non-UZA



Use of Census Data in NTD – Continued

- The Urbanized Areas listed in the NTD forms are pulled from the most recent available Census Data
 - ➤ FTA currently uses the 2010 Census Urban Areas
 - ➤ The 2020 Census Data is expected to be released in December 2022
- FTA must use the 2020 Census Urban Areas in the 2022 Report Year Forms once released





How Will New Census Areas Be Used?

- New UZAs apply to the FY2024 Apportionment
- FY2024 apportionment is based on 2022 NTD Data





Census Criteria Updates

- The US Census Bureau updates its criteria for determining Urbanized Areas every 10 years
 - 2010 was the last update and integrated into the NTD during RY2012
- Census Bureau currently identifies Urban Clusters between 2,500 and 50,000 in population and Urbanized Areas over 50,000 in population
 - Census Bureau will no longer use the terms Urbanized Areas and Urban Clusters
 - Census Bureau will now use the term Urban Areas, to include Urbanized Areas





Census Criteria Updates - Continued

- No Impact on FTA Programs 49 USC 5302 require Urbanized Areas to Have 50,000 in population for purposes of FTA programs – Including NTD
- Rural Areas will remain any area not in an Urbanized Area



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Review of NTD Forms







Basic Information

B-10 FORM





B-10: Demographic Information

Demographic Information			
Primary UZA 8 - Washington, DC-VA-MD	Secondary UZA / Non-UZAs		
	No items available		
	• Add UZA		
		VIEW ALL UZAS VIEW UZAS IN MY REGION	
Service Area Square Miles *	Service Area Population *		
0	0		

Report Demographic Information

- Enter Service Area Square Miles and Service Area Population
 - ➤ Note: Service Area data ≠ Urbanized Area data
- Primary UZA is automatically populated
- Select Add UZA to add any Secondary UZAs or Non-UZAs your agency services as applicable



FFA-10 FORM





- Report Miles, Hours, Ridership, and Operating Expenses broken down by each UZA or non-UZA you serve
- Complete one FFA-10 per mode/TOS
 - ➤ UZA information based on Demographic Information reported to the B-10
 - ➤ If you only operate in one UZA, report 100% of your data here



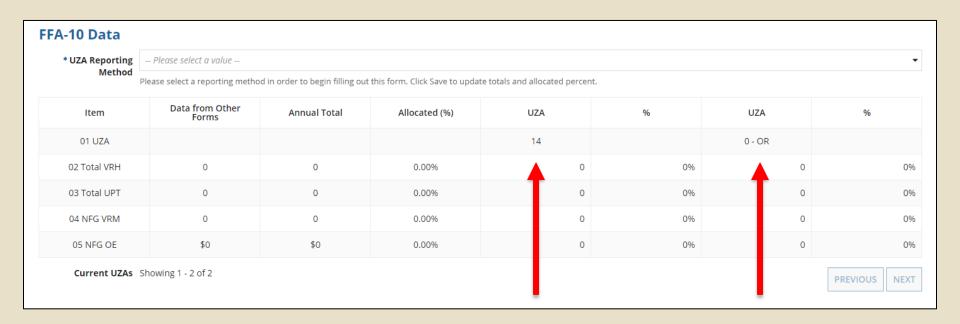




- Example of an FFA-10 form with one UZA
 - One column to enter all service and financial data



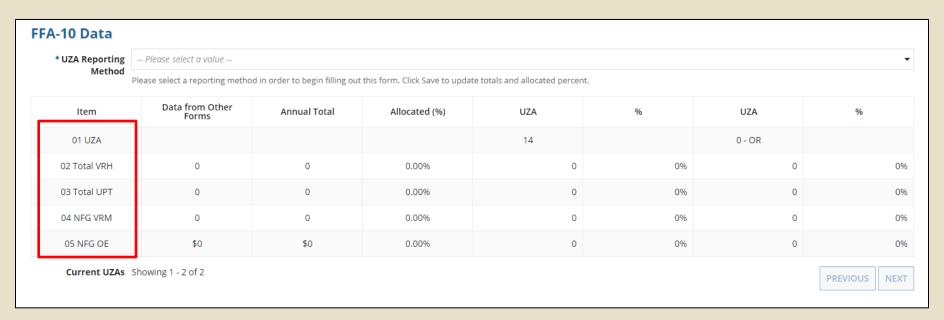




- Example of an FFA-10 form with two UZAs
 - Two columns to break down all service and financial data







- VRH (Vehicle Revenue Hours)
- UPT (Unlinked Passenger Trip)
- VRM (Vehicle Revenue Miles)
- OE (Operating Expenses)





- UZA Reporting Methods
 - Actual Data: Your agency tracked 100% of VRM, VRH, UPT and OE between UZAs
 - Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles: Your agency only tracks VRM operated in each UZA. The system will allocate VRH, UPT, and OE to each UZA
 - Other: Your agency used another methodology to track data between UZAs (must describe your methods)





* UZA Reporting Method	Please select a value			
	Please select a value			
Item	Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles Actual Data			
01 UZA	Other			
02 Total VRH	37,571	0	0.00%	0

Select your UZA Reporting Method

Actual Data, Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles, and Other



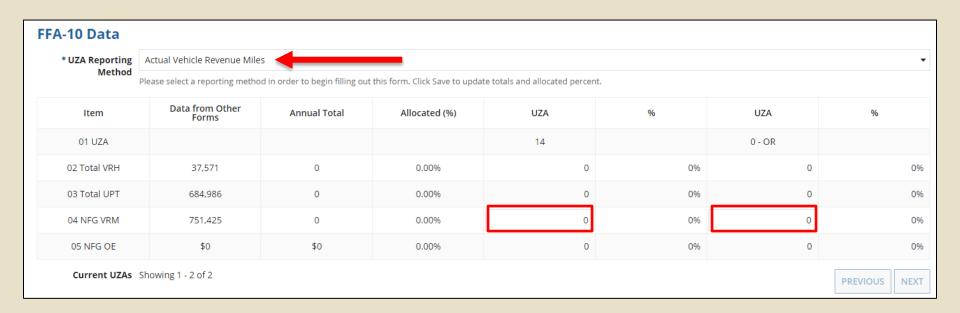




Option 1: If you select "Actual Data," manually enter the values for VRH, UPT, VRM, and OE into both UZA columns



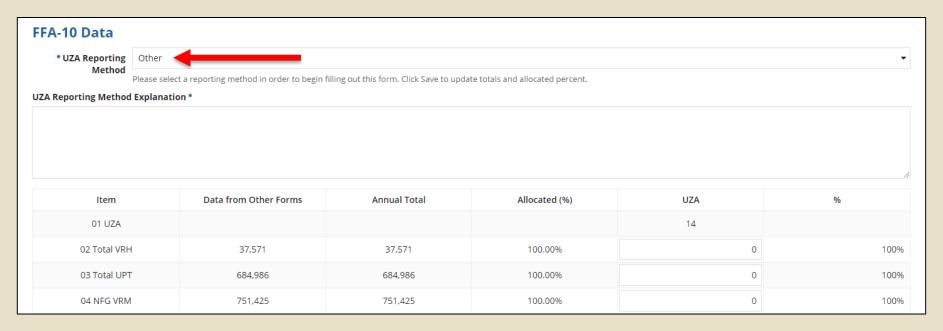




Option 2: If you select "Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles," you may only report VRM to each UZA. The other data points will be automatically allocated







Option 3: If you do not allocate your data using either of these methods, select "Other" and provide a detailed explanation of your process





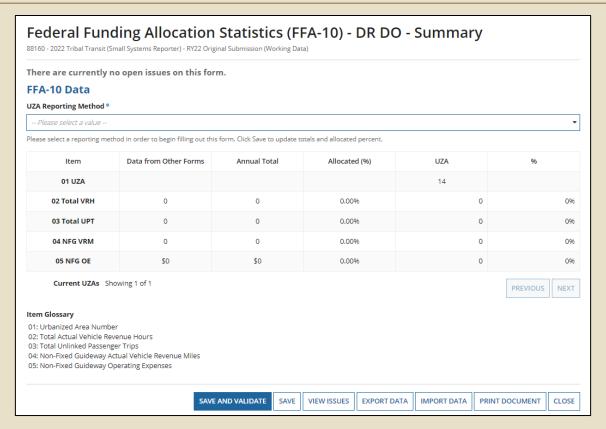
FFA-10: Federal Funding Allocation

- Allocate vehicle revenue miles between multiple States (non-UZA) or Urbanized Areas (UZA) as necessary.
 - ➤ If you operate in two States, you will need to report service performed in each state. Divide service and operating expense totals into subtotals for each area served.
- Reporting by area is critical because it impacts the amount of funding FTA apportions to each area





FFA-10 – Federal Funding Allocation Statistics



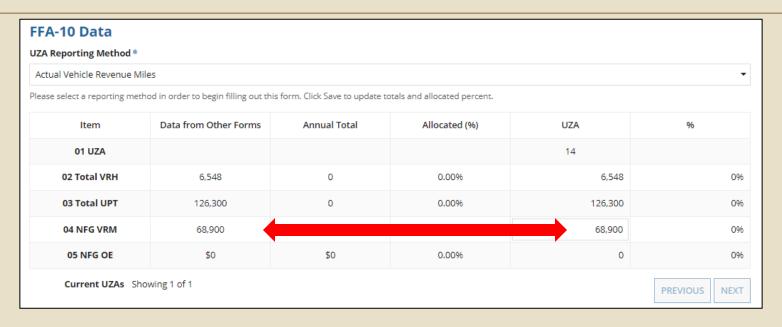
Select Reporting Method

- One UZA/Non-UZA: select Actual Vehicle Revenue Miles
- Multiple: select Actual VRM, Actual Data, or Other





Enter data for the UZA



- If only one UZA/Non-UZA total should always match Data from Other Forms
- If multiple, Allocated Percentage should always total 100% between all UZAs
- With every change to the RR-20, update the FFA-10 forms accordingly



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NTD Serve Rules







Reporting Data Among UZAs

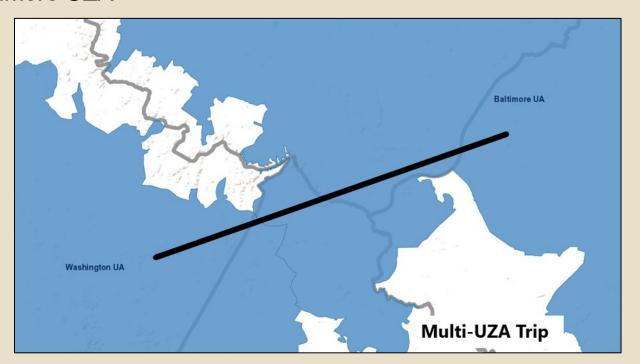
- Service within one UZA or within one non-UZA area
 - Report data to that area
- Service operated in more than one area
 - Report all the data statistics for that route to the UZA or non-UZA primarily served, or
 - Allocate the data statistics proportionally to the UZAs and non-UZAs served





Serve Rule Example

Example: One trip end is in the Washington UZA and the other trip end is in the Baltimore UZA



Solution: The agency may report all data to the UZA being primarily served, or allocate data between the two UZAs.





Reporting Data When 5311 Funds Are Used

Apply rules service by service

Funding of Service	Reporting Rule
No funding from Section 5307	Report entirely to non-UZA
Funded by Section 5311	
Funded by Section 5307 capital assistance	
Funded by Section 5311 operating assistance	Report entirely to non-UZA
Funded by Section 5307 operating assistance	Allocate data statistics among UZAs and non-UZAs based on proportions of
Funded by Section 5311 operating assistance	5307 and 5311 operating assistance





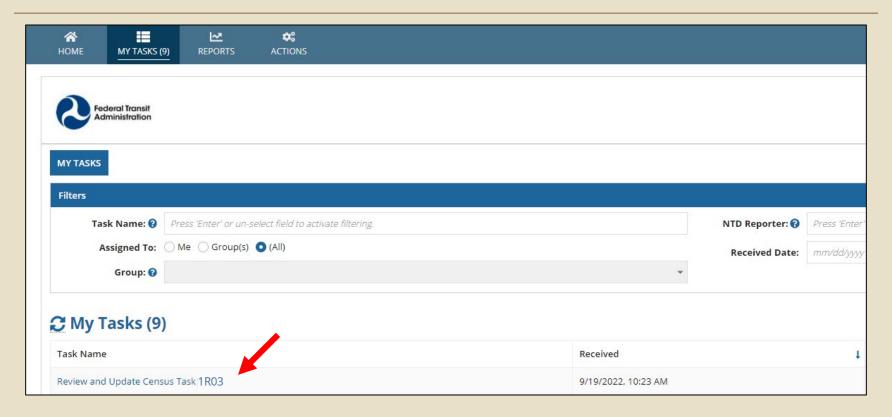
Census Task Purpose

- Once the 2020 Census Data is available, you will see a Census Task deployed to your "My Tasks" list in the system
- This will allow you to select any Rural General Public Transit (RGPT) subrecipients that were affected by the 2020 Census Data and are now providing services within an Urbanized Area
 - For any RGPT subrecipients that were not affected and will remain providing only rural service, no action is required.





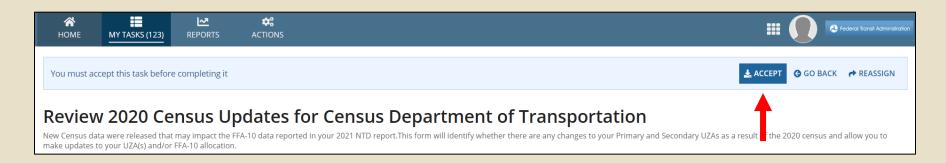
Task List View



 The Census Task will be deployed to CEO and NTD Contact user roles and can be found under "My Tasks"



Accepting the Task



- You must click "Accept" to begin working on the task
- Once the task is accepted by one user, it cannot be accessed by others





Overview of Subrecipients

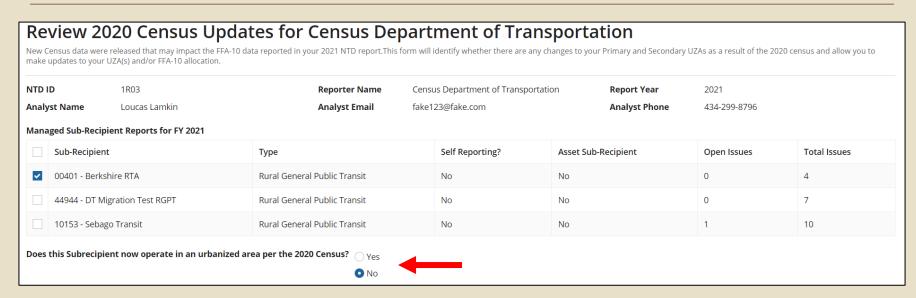
Review 2020 Census Updates for Census Department of Transportation New Census data were released that may impact the FFA-10 data reported in your 2021 NTD report. This form will identify whether there are any changes to your Primary and Secondary UZAs as a result of the 2020 census and allow you to make updates to your UZA(s) and/or FFA-10 allocation.									
NTD ID 1R03 Analyst Name Loucas Lamkin Managed Sub-Recipient Reports for FY 2021		Loucas Lamkin	Reporter Name Census Department of Transporta Analyst Email fake123@fake.com			ation Report Year Analyst Phone		2021 434-299-8796	
	Sub-Recipient		Туре		Self Reporting?	Asset Sub-F	Recipient	Open Issues	Total Issues
	00401 - Berkshi	ire RTA	Rural General Public Transit		No	No		0	4
	44944 - DT Migi	ration Test RGPT	Rural General Public Transit		No	No		0	7
	10153 - Sebago	Transit	Rural General Public Transit		No	No		1	10

 Once you have accepted the task, the first section will appear with a list of your current Rural General Public Transit Subrecipients





Selection of Subrecipients Operating in Urban Areas



- Next, you will begin selecting the RGPT Subrecipients that now operate in an Urbanized Area
 - ➤ The default selection will be "No" to the question of "Does this Subrecipient now operate in an urbanized area per the 2020 Census?"



Primary and Secondary UZA Section

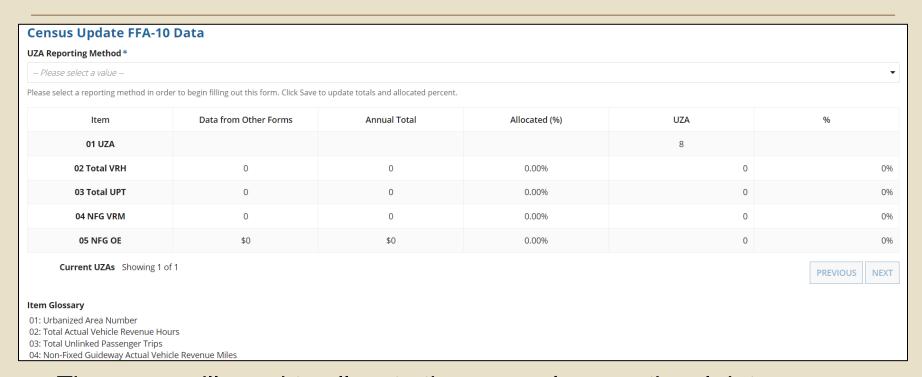
Does this Subrecipient now operate in an urbanized area per the 2020 Census? • Yes							
○ No							
Primary and Secondary UZA/Non UZAS Updates							
Please select your new Primary and Secondary UZAs.							
Primary UZA *	Secondary UZA / Non-UZAs						
	UZA						
	No items available						
	◆ Add UZA						

 For any subrecipient for which you select "Yes," you will then be required to select the Primary Urbanized Area (UZA) and Secondary UZAs (State non-UZA) if applicable





FFA-10 Section



- Then, you will need to allocate the agency's operational data across their UZA(s) or Non-UZA(s)
 - This includes Service Data and Operating Expenses
 - This will pre-populate from data on the RR-20
 - If there are multiple modes for the Subrecipient, you will need to complete multiple FFA-10 sections



Comment and Attachments



- Comments: If your analyst has any questions or related validation items after their review of the submitted task, you will see them populate under the "Comments" section, similar to the validation interface
- Attachments: If you would like to upload any supporting documentation for your census changes, you can do so in the task. Your analyst may also upload attachments here as well



Submission

Census Update Confirmation		
Thank you for completing your Census Update Task. Please click on Back to make any changes or Submit to complete the updates.		
	BACK	SUBMIT

- After completing the task for all affected subrecipients (please be sure to complete the UZA and FFA-10 section for each applicable subrecipient), click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the screen
- Next, you will be taken to a confirmation page to confirm submission of your census task
- This will send the task to your analyst for review





Agencies Moving to the Urban Module

- Agencies that need to move to the Urban Module for reporting will begin reporting directly in RY2023
 - They will be assigned an NTD analyst next year and begin completing and submitting their own reports
 - > They must comply with all urban requirements
 - Once identified in the task, they must submit NTD ID request forms for the Urban Module via email
- For RY2022, the task you complete will be recorded as their UZA and FFA-10 Data





Data Review by Analyst

- Once you submit the census task, it will go to your agency's assigned analyst for review
- Analysts will be reviewing the UZA and FFA-10 Data
 - > Applying standard validation checks
- Your analyst will return the task to you for any requested changes or clarifications
 - You will receive an email from your analyst and automated system notification when the task is returned to you



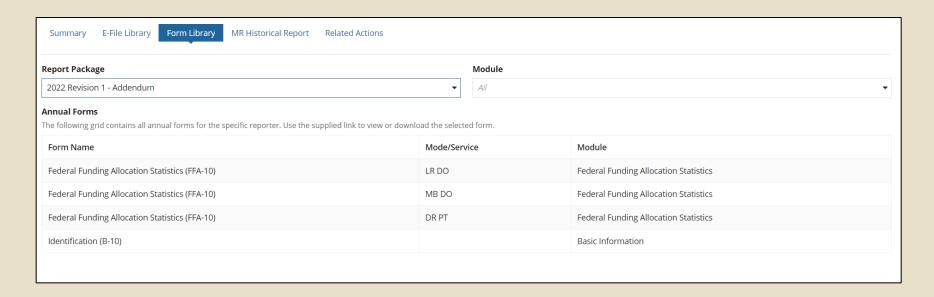
Task Closeout Process

- After the task has been reviewed by the analyst and no open issues remain, they will route the task up for further review
- The NTD QA Team will review the task, if there are no follow up questions, the task will then be sent to FTA for final review and acceptance
- Once FTA accepts your task, this data will be finalized and cannot be edited





Form Library Access



- Once approved, all data from the task will be available in the Form Library for the subrecipient
- This will list the B-10 and FFA-10 Forms as applicable





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