



May 7, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR: George M. Cook
Chief of Staff, performing the nonexclusive functions and
duties of the Director
U.S. Census Bureau

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur L. Scott, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

FROM: Arthur L. Scott, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2026 Census Test
Operations
Project No. 2026-541

We are initiating an evaluation of the 2026 Census Test operations. Our objective is to evaluate the effectiveness of the 2026 Census Test in validating operational, technological, and methodological innovations designed to enhance cost efficiency, data quality, and response rates for the 2030 census.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our evaluation with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

