Empower data users with understandable, accurate, and timely information through the mutually beneficial partnership between the State Data Centers (SDCs) and the Census Bureau.
The State Data Center Program is a...

- Partnership between the Census Bureau and the states
- Network of data professionals who provide data assistance, training, and presentations
- Source of feedback about statistics, programs, data users’ needs, and operational issues
- Premier local partner and an official source of Census Bureau data
Census Bureau Directorates

Associate Directorates
1. Communications
2. 2020 Census
3. Research and Methodology
4. Administration and Finance
5. Information Technology
6. Field Operations (Including Regional Offices)
7. Economic Programs (Including Governments)
8. Decennial Census (including Geography)
9. Demographic Programs
State Data Center History

• Began in 1978 with just a few states.
• Repository for Census data
• Each State SDC was created by the Governor’s Liaison in each state
• Often located at research universities, libraries, state government, etc.
State Data Center Network

Nationally:
- 56 Lead Data Centers
- 9 Person Steering Committee
  - Elected to three-year terms
  - Serve two consecutive terms before rotating off

State Networks:
- Created by the Lead
  - 225 Coordinating Agencies
    - Usually 1-3 per state
  - 1,400 Affiliates
    - Number based on population
Lead organizations and their networks…
Provide staff and budget to support the program
State Data Center Resources

SDCs Resources:

• Embargo access
• Training
• Access to subject-matter experts
• Full-time staff
• Notifications from the Bureau
Census Bureau Support

SDC Leads participate in an annual training conference at The Census Bureau.
Training and Education

• Lead agencies and network members:
  – Conduct training for local data users
  – Give or arrange presentations to local groups
  – Host an annual meeting and training conference.
• Ask for an invitation!
The Role of the SDC Network Is Strictly Non-Advisory
(but we give a lot of advice)

SDC network members participate in the design, input, and testing of products, programs, technologies and services.

• CEDSCI, for instance
Data Dissemination is What We Do

The SDC Network Disseminates Census data by providing:

– Guidance
– Expertise
– Technology
– Local Knowledge
Consultation

Many services are provided free of charge.
Some SDCs are cost recovery.
Using the SDC’s’s Supports the Census Bureau

- Every SDC submits an Annual Report of their activities
  - Data requests
  - Training
  - Presentations
  - Used to demonstrate value of Census activities
How to Contact Specific SDCs

- Search “census state data centers”
- Click on “Member Network”

To find… 
State Data Center (SDC) Program

Member Network

The SDC lead agencies organize a statewide network of coordinating and affiliate agencies. This network works in partnership with the Census Bureau through the Data Users Branch (DUB) and the Census Bureau's Regional Offices for data dissemination at the local level.

2018 - 2019 Steering Committee

Select by State or Island Area:

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