

Population of Aurora April 1, 2010: 197,899

Population of Aurora 2019: 199,927

Population of Aurora August 2021: 180,542

2020 Census:

May of 2019: Established Aurora's Complete Count Committee (19-0223)

May of 2019: Received a grant from SOS for \$87,575 (19-0431)

September of 2020: Chairman of the Complete Counts Committee reports that our "self-response rate" was 73.8%, which surpassed the 2010 rate by 2%.

2021:

August of 2021: Census reports loss of approximately 17,000 residents

September of 2021: Hired Rob Paral, a Demographer from the UIC Great Cities Institute to review/analyze the data and Aurora outcomes

November 21, 2021: Rob provided a report on his findings at Committee of the Whole

2022:

February of 2022: Had a call with Naperville about their special census'

April of 2022: Citywide ward remap; all 10 Wards were remapped

November of 2022: Hired Joan Cameron, started sending files for analysis

2023:

March of 2023: Applied to host a Harvard Fellow to assist in our Census efforts; Jamie started in August of 2023

March 31, 2023: Census Bureau opens the Special Census application period

March 31, 2023: Submitted our Special Census Application (Cost Estimate)

April 6, 2023: Had our first meeting with Census Bureau, learned the map had to be contiguous and full census tracts, which is new.

April 25, 2023: Update memo to City Council

April 27, 2023: Met again with Census Bureau to discuss revised proposal; data experts were on the call as well and indicated they were very confident in their outcome.

June 13, 2023: Received the cost estimate for our partial special census (which was scaled back substantially from our original plan): \$911,756; deadline to decide is September of 2023.

June 20, 2023: Submitted our Count Question Resolution (CQR) submission

June 22, 2023: Census Bureau requested additional information regarding our CQR appeal

June 28, 2023: Met again with Census Bureau to discuss Cost Estimate

July 7, 2023: Governor's Office reached out requesting our CQR submission to support their efforts

July 10, 2023: We receive a notification confirming receipt of our CQR updates requested by the Census Bureau

August 16, 2023: Jamie Lee starts

August 28, 2023: NORC Representative meets with COA Officials to discuss our census

September 7, 2023: Census Bureau offers an extension while we await our CQR Outcome

September 25, 2023: We request an update on our CQR

September 29, 2023: We receive an email that the CQR is delayed

October 26, 2023: Update memo to City Council

December 11, 2023: We receive our CQR outcome which reported no change in housing units, but a population change of -24

January 1, 2024: Census Bureau reaches out regarding our plans now that CQR is complete

2024:

January 11, 2024: Meeting with Marilyn Sanders and Kazeem Hamed from the Chicago Census Office

January 17, 2024: Mayor Irvin and Matt Morgan met with Representatives Foster and Underwood and a staffer from Krishnamoorthi's office

February 2, 2024: Meeting with Vinita Voss & Hilary Denk from Representatives Underwood and Foster's Offices

February 15, 2024: Comprehensive follow up letters sent to Representative Foster and Representative Underwood

February 16, 2024: Staff discussion with the State of Illinois regarding their improved numbers

April 16, 2024: Call with the Census Bureau's Geography Division

April 25, 2024: Call with Vinita Voss and Maria Manzo, update on our process

April 30, 2024: Follow up meeting with Census Bureau regarding differential privacy and issues its causing Aurora

Tuesday, May 7, 2024: City submitted a third cost estimate request.

Thursday, May 9, 2024: Update memo to City Council

Wednesday, May 15, 2024: Community Engagement Interns start

Wednesday, May 15, 2024: Staff submitted a summary document to Rep. Matt Hanson for possible inclusion in the State Budget at his request

Thursday, May 16, 2024: Census Bureau releases updated Population Estimates, reports that Aurora lost 3,000 residents

Friday, May 17, 2024: City staff requests our “Derivation Sheet” to review our Population Estimates

Monday, May 20, 2024: Receive acknowledgement of derivation sheet request

Friday, May 31, 2024: City received a new cost estimate for our revised application.

Monday, June 3, 2024: City received a revised new cost estimate.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024: Derivation sheet is provided

Wednesday, June 5, 2024: City participated in a mandatory meeting with the Census Bureau to cover the cost estimate and next steps required to conduct a Special Census

Friday, June 14, 2024: City received the “Memorandum of Agreement” to enter a Special Census.

June 21, 2024: City staff provided a memo to the City Council on next steps, including the intention to provide a public update at the July 2, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting.