

Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) Questions and Answers

Q: How detailed do agencies need to get on redoing address ranges for BAS?

A: Right now the Census Bureau can accept address range updates if they are given to the Bureau off the paper maps. There is a spot in the attribute table for digital participants to provide the Bureau address ranges, but the Bureau does not have a way to batch upload those yet. The Census Bureau would have to manually enter those, like with the paper maps, and right now, it is not in the procedures to do that. As for the detail, entities can get as detailed or as general as they want. Usually, the Bureau staff sees paper entities giving them the address range for a street or a segment of a street. Sometimes, the Bureau also receives address point breaks as well.

Q: What does a jurisdiction do when they have a neighboring jurisdiction's zip code in their LUCA file (e.g. Scottsdale address with Phoenix zip code)?

A: If an entity sees the wrong zip code in their list of addresses in LUCA, they should correct that information.

Q: Where is the BAS submittal form?

A: Paper participants would have received a form in their packet to allow them to give the Bureau ordinance or resolution numbers for boundary changes. Electronic participants would provide the Bureau the same information in the attribute table of the shapefile, not on the form.

Q: If a city missed reporting an annexation, can it be filed this time around?

A: A city can only report an annexation through BAS. So, they can do that now, through BAS 2008, or next year around this time, through BAS 2009.

Q: Will the Census Bureau do BAS in 2010?

A: Yes.

Q: If yes, will the changes from 2010 BAS be included in the 2010 census results?

A: Any changes given to us before January 1, 2010 will be included in the 2010 Census results. Therefore, the 2010 BAS deadline will be different than previous BAS years. To be safe, I would recommend that entities get their boundaries corrected on Census maps during 2009 BAS, but if there are any changes after that, they have until January 1, 2010.

Q: When do the first 2010 census results come out?

A: The first set of data is given to the President by December 31, 2010 and then released to the states shortly after that.