Report of the Franklin County Complete Count Committee 2020 Census

May 19, 2020

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Budget:

\$4,500 County Contribution

\$3,000 Private Donations:
Waste Pro USA (\$2,000)
Garlick Engineering (\$500)
Dewberry Engineering (\$500)

\$4,500 Grant from National League of Cities

Electronic Media Efforts: Radio Commercials - 17 separate scripts for 1200 paid airings

Video YouTube - 6 commercials for social media (no cost to produce)

Websites - Click throughs county/utilities/business/signatures

\$25 Cash Prize Contest after May 1

- Video and Radio Commercials advertising now
- Winners Drawn every week; one winner to household
- Every county commission district will have a winner
- To enter, submit this following information to <u>FCCensus2020@franklincountyflorida.com</u>
 - Your Contact Information
 - Name of your county commissioner
 - Proof of Census
 - Photo or screen shot of online confirmation
 - Photo of paper questionnaire

Print Media Efforts:

Apalachicola Times Articles since early January (no charge) One paid advertisement

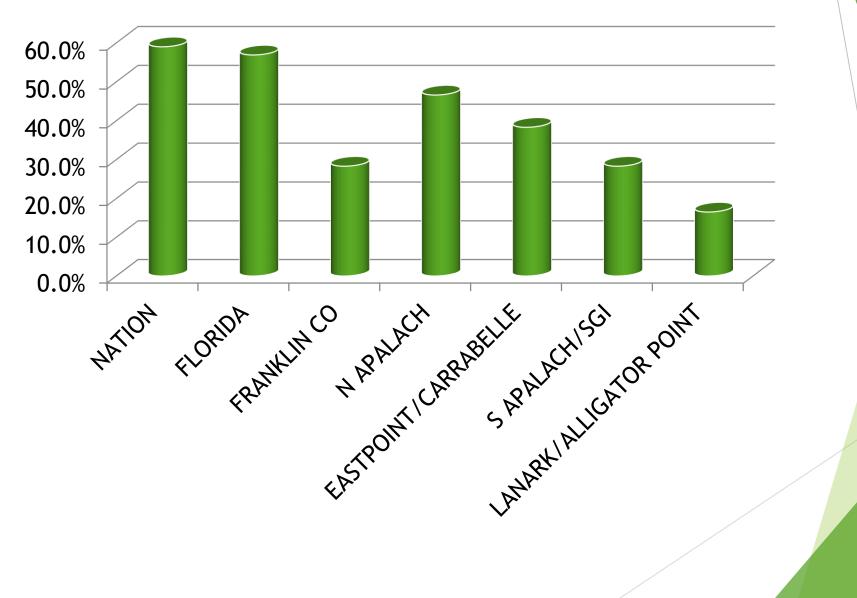
Over 1500 Yard signs/posters/banners/flyers + 1000s free

2000 Direct Mail Postcards to Post Office Boxes

Miscellaneous Activities -- Free

- Census-Provided Promotional Items: water bottles, tote bags, lip balm, coffee cups, fans
- Special Event Presentations Distribution of flyers at food distribution, covid testing sites
- 20 Neighborhood Census Assistance Centers (prior to C-19)
- EOC Alerts: Ongoing Local text and phone calls

Self-Response Rate as of May 14



Franklin Challenges with 2020 Census

2020 Census relies heavily on self-responses online:

- Low rate of in-home internet access
- Inability to open Census Assistance Centers

2020 Census relies on street addresses:

- High rate of residential post office boxes
- High rate of second homes

2020 Census Disrupted by Covid-19:

Some Spanish families have left the area Trust in all forms of government is at an all-time low

New Activities for 2020 Census in Franklin

- Self-Responding online, by phone, by mail: Was July 31
 New October 31
- "Update/Leave" Census workers leave paper questionnaires as of May
- Hiring process with fingerprinting and training resumed as of May (now paying \$19.50/hour)
- Nonresponse Follow Up in person interviews New: August through October (if safe)

New Activities Using National League of Cities Grant

- Phone Banking
- Request PC television
- Snacks for Social Gatherings

- Paid Social Media
- Contest Prizes
- Buying Times Ad
- Other ideas?

Next Steps?