

August 17, 2021

Daniel Buchholtz, City Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
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Dear Mr. Buchholtz:

The U.S. Census Bureau has released 2020 Census counts for your community:

As of April 1, 2020, the City of Spring Lake Park had 3,026 housing units, 2,956 households, and 7,188 people (of whom 31 lived in group quarters facilities). Household size averaged 2.42 persons per household.

The Metropolitan Council is certifying these numbers in lieu of its annual population estimates for 2020, in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 473.24. These numbers will be the basis for redrawing legislative district boundaries and for allocating certain kinds of state funding, such as Local Government Aid and the Municipal State Aid Street program. The Council's estimates will resume in May 2022, when preliminary estimates for April 1, 2021 will be released.

This letter includes a detailed report with additional 2020 Census results as well as comparable numbers from the 2010 Census. The Census Bureau's initial release of data includes only the numbers necessary for redistricting; additional information will follow in the coming months, including the full age distribution and household types. They have not determined a release date for that additional data.

In January 2022, the Census Bureau's Count Question Resolution (CQR) program will begin. This provides a process for governments to request corrections to the official counts if they believe the Census Bureau used incorrect geographic boundaries or erroneously excluded some housing units from the data.

We encourage local governments to evaluate the 2020 Census counts within their jurisdiction and to participate in the CQR program if they detect potential issues in the data. Any successful CQR corrections will be incorporated into the Council's subsequent population estimates but will not affect redistricting, which is scheduled to occur before the Census Bureau rules on CQR requests. We will provide more details during technical assistance workshops to be offered later in 2021.

If you would like further information, please visit <https://metro council.org/census2020> or contact me. I can respond most promptly if you email me at Matt.Schroeder@metc.state.mn.us. If this is not possible, you can mail letters to Matt Schroeder, Community Development Research, 390 Robert St N, Saint Paul, MN 55101.

Sincerely,



Matt Schroeder
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