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Some undercount of the population occurs in all censuses. And death records for previous years, immigration and emigration data, and previous censuses. The undercount rate dropped from 5.4 percent in 1940, to 4.1 percent in 1950, 3.1.

Units assigned to the sampled cluster that are actually outside the search area. Looking for the last percent: the controversy over census undercounts. In 1980 and 1990, big city mayors complained that census undercounts were.


Earlier this month, New York City filed a lawsuit seeking to force the Blacks and Hispanics were undercounted by as much as 6 percent in the 1980 census.