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## FORM 477 MOVES TO 2020 CENSUS CODES AND BOUNDARIES; FILINGS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2021 DATA ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2022

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The Office of Economics & Analytics (OEA) hereby announces that FCC Form 477 filers<sup>1</sup> must tabulate and submit data as of December 31, 2021 using **2020 Census geographic codes and boundaries**. See the Geographical Resources section of webpage for more information on the [Form 477 Resources](#) webpage for more information.

This requirement applies to filings for data as of December 31, 2021 and subsequent periods. Revisions to Form 477 data as of June 30, 2021 and prior periods must continue to use 2010 Census geographic codes and boundaries.

As a reminder, filings for data as of December 31, 2021 are due no later than **March 1, 2022**. Accurate and timely submission of FCC Form 477 is mandatory for affected entities (*see* <https://www.fcc.gov/form477/WhoMustFileForm477.pdf>). Service providers that are required to file Form 477 but fail to do so as required may be subject to enforcement action under sections 502 and 503 of the Communications Act.<sup>2</sup>

Information on how to file Form 477 is available on the FCC's Form 477 Resources for Filers webpage at [www.fcc.gov/form477](http://www.fcc.gov/form477). For Form 477 filing assistance, please call 1-877-480-3201 or 1-717-338-2824 (tty), or submit an e-support request online at <https://fccprod.servicenowservices.com/auls?id=esupport>. For additional information, please contact OEA's Industry Analysis Division at (202) 418-0940 or (202) 418-0484 (tty).

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<sup>1</sup> See generally FCC, *FCC Form 477 Local Telephone Competition and Broadband Reporting Instructions* at 5-9 (Nov. 30, 2021), <https://transition.fcc.gov/form477/477inst.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503. Pursuant to the Broadband DATA Act, the Commission will soon shift the collection of broadband availability data from Form 477 to the Broadband Data Collection. See Broadband Data Collection, <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData>. Nonetheless, the Commission's rules requiring the submission of Form 477 are still applicable at this time. Specifically, we continue to collect deployment and subscription data through Form 477, and we note that the collection of subscription data in Form 477 remains unaffected by the Broadband Data Collection. See *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, Third Report and Order, 36 FCC Rcd 1126, 1186-88, paras. 156-60 (2021).