

# When the County Number Is Delayed, Suppressed, or Revised

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Commerce barred noise infusion in 2026. The American Community Survey slipped. A hash is of a specific number on a specific day.

County numbers move. Surveys slip. Agencies revise tables after a first release. A register that shows a figure owes the reader a date and a version.

In 2026, Commerce barred certain noise-infusion practices around sensitive releases, and American Community Survey timing drew public attention. The point for a public shelf is narrower: say which release you showed.

A content hash is of a specific number on a specific day in a specific file. If the table is revised tomorrow, yesterday's hash still describes yesterday's page. That is a feature, not a bug—so long as the page names the vintage.

Notice Nearby's job on a county hub is to keep the notice text and any cited figures labeled. It does not invent a second official Census release.

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