



# Working together to plan for the future

Work Group: Census Advisory Workgroup (CAWG)  
Staff Liaison: Carl Miller

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Census Advisory Work Group is to assist COMPASS and local organizations to prepare for, encourage participation in, and review the results of the 2020 Census. Census counts are used to establish political boundaries and to calculate a large share of federal assistance and federal grant funding. The work in FY2017 will lead to additional Census 2020 preparation in FY2018-FY2021.

**Tasks:**

1. Provide recommendation to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) on the Census 2020 work plan, including strategies for stakeholder and community outreach, data development, identifying geographic boundaries, and post-census data dissemination.

**Deliverables, Schedule:**

1. Census 2020 work plan (September 2017)

The Census Advisory Workgroup is expected to meet one time in FY2017.

**Membership:**

Membership in the CAWG will be drawn from: member agency staff with appropriate expertise, agencies serving ethnic minorities and other traditionally under-represented communities, school districts, organizations serving housing and homeless needs, public media, and chambers of commerce. May extend beyond Ada and Canyon Counties to capture needs and expertise of organizations and individuals.

Charter recommended by Executive Committee: July 12, 2016

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 15, 2016

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2017

*All decisions and recommendations of COMPASS workgroups are reached through consensus and there are no quorum requirements for workgroups. All workgroup meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Individuals interested in attending should contact the staff liaison to obtain the scheduled meeting dates and planned agendas.*