

Ron S. Jarmin

Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Ron S. Jarmin is the acting director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

He is also its deputy director and chief operating officer. In these roles, he plans, coordinates and sets the strategic direction and priorities of the Census Bureau and oversees daily operations at the largest statistical agency of the federal government.

While best known for the decennial census, the Census Bureau conducts other surveys and censuses that measure changing individual and household demographics and the economic condition of the nation.



Jarmin served as acting director from January 2021 to January 2022, performed the nonexclusive functions and duties of the director from July 2017 to January 2019, and previously served as the associate director for economic programs.

In these roles, Jarmin championed modernization efforts across the Census Bureau including the introduction of internet response for the 2020 Census and moving to 100 percent internet data collection for the Economic Census beginning in 2017. He has overseen the introduction of new nonsurvey data to improve economic indicators, the consolidation of surveys, and the deployment of enterprise investments to minimize system, application, and dissemination costs. From 2011 to 2016, Jarmin served as assistant director for research and methodology where he oversaw a broad research program in statistics, survey methodology, and economics aimed at improving economic and social measurements within the federal statistical system. Since beginning his career at the Census Bureau in 1992, he has also served as the chief economist, chief of the Center for Economic Studies, and as a research economist.

Jarmin holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Oregon. An elected fellow of the American Statistical Association, he has published papers in the areas of industrial organization, business dynamics, entrepreneurship, technology and firm performance, urban economics, data access, and statistical disclosure avoidance.