I read the following article on Differential Privacy and the Census Bureau: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/director/2018/12/the_balancing_actof.html>

I found the concept of DP in the Census to be particularly intriguing considering that although the Census Bureau has been around for a long time, it is only recently having privacy issues due to Big Data. Before the advent of Big Data and such accessible data sets, there were no major privacy concerns with knowing specific demographic information on different Census Tracts/areas. Now, however, with access to other data sets, adversaries can find out more personalized information by cross referencing Census data with other data. At first, I was surprised that the 2020 Census was the first to utilize DP. However, considering that the previous Census dates to 2010 and that other traditional methods have been used since the 1980s, it is not too surprising. It was also interesting to learn that in 2018 they believed this to be the first use of DP on such large data. I would have anticipated that another country or organization used DP on another large data set.