



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Economics and Statistics Administration**  
**U.S. Census Bureau**  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 22, 2011

The Honorable Paul D. Fraim  
Mayor, City of Norfolk  
1001 City Hall Building  
810 Union Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Mayor Fraim:

I was recently alerted to an error with the census block level population counts in the Norfolk area following the release of the Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

State and municipal officials discovered this error when they began analyzing the data for the Norfolk area and noticed that a census block, which should have contained a large portion of the Norfolk Naval Station, was showing a population of approximately 20,000 fewer people than projected. Moreover, a nearby census block contained a much higher population than anticipated.

The U.S. Census Bureau determined that this error was the result of a geocoding discrepancy. Such discrepancies can occur when a living quarter, such as a house, apartment, or military vessel, is placed in an incorrect location. In this instance, ships ported at the Norfolk Naval Station were incorrectly located in Block 51710 0038.00 1000. These ships correctly belong in Block 51710 0009.02 1044, approximately three miles to the north of the incorrect block.

The Census Bureau is providing new population counts that will enable data users to correct the census populations for these two blocks. The enclosed *errata* table shows the updated population counts for the two blocks affected by this error. We are also transmitting this updated block information by e-mail to the Virginia General Assembly. We will post *errata* notices on our Redistricting Data Program Web site and the American FactFinder, the 2010 Census dissemination Web site.

This new information should allow the City of Norfolk, the General Assembly, and other data users to correct for the error in the P.L. 94-171 data, as well as subsequent data products. Based on discussions with representatives from the General Assembly, we are confident that this solution will enable the General Assembly to proceed with redistricting on schedule.

I apologize for this error and the subsequent confusion. In addition, I would like to thank you and the citizens of Norfolk for your understanding in this matter, as well as your support and participation in the 2010 Census.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert M. Groves".

Robert M. Groves  
Director

Enclosure

# Norfolk Errata

Corrected Block      Corrected Block      Original (PL) Block      Original (PL) Block  
 51710 0038.00 1000    51710 0009.02 1044    51710 0038.00 1000    51710 0009.02 1044

## RACE

Universe: Total population

Total	73	19,279	19,352	0
White alone	37	11,702	11,739	0
Black or African American alone	20	5,119	5,139	0
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	202	202	0
Asian alone	11	679	690	0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1	73	74	0
Some Other Race alone	3	784	787	0
Population of Two or More Races	1	720	721	0

## HISPANIC OR LATINO, AND NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO

Universe: Total population

Total	73	19,279	19,352	0
Hispanic or Latino	6	2,584	2,590	0
Not Hispanic or Latino	67	16,695	16,762	0

## RACE FOR THE POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER

Universe: Total population 18 years and over

Total	69	19,278	19,347	0
White alone	33	11,702	11,735	0
Black or African American alone	20	5,118	5,138	0
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	202	202	0
Asian alone	11	679	690	0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1	73	74	0
Some Other Race alone	3	784	787	0
Population of Two or More Races	1	720	721	0

## HISPANIC OR LATINO, AND NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO BY FOR THE POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER

Universe: Total population 18 years and over

Total	69	19,278	19,347	0
Hispanic or Latino	6	2,584	2,590	0
Not Hispanic or Latino	63	16,694	16,757	0

## OCCUPANCY STATUS

Universe: Housing units

Total:	5	0	5	0
Occupied	5	0	5	0
Vacant	0	0	0	0