Challenges to the provisional total population projections may be sent to the Weldon Cooper Center Demographics Research Group (demographics@virginia.edu) until the close of business on February 24, 2017.

The provisional projections are based on a thoroughly researched and carefully developed methodology. Locality representatives wishing to request a revision to the projections are encouraged to read the methodology document, as well as the additional information provided on this page. Should questions or concerns remain, a locality may challenge the provisional projections if one or both of the following criteria* apply: 1) a demonstrable technical error occurred in processing input data or in producing the projections, or 2) input data used in developing the projections is proven incorrect.

Please note that alternate methodologies or alternate input data proposals will not justify provisional projections revisions. This is not because any such alternatives are not valid. It is simply because using anything other than the same methodology and input data for all localities is an immutable standard for these statewide projections.

*These criteria for posing a challenge are modeled precisely after those used in the Census Bureau’s Challenge Program.

Please note that the Department of Planning and Budget may require us to post on our website all comments submitted through the challenge process.