

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Division of Community Development Newsletter

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## Did You Know...

Did you know Turquoise is a compound that includes metals such as aluminum, copper or iron. Water and oil can cause some of these metals to oxidize, or in other words rust. As a result of oxidation, the stones can actually change color. Blue turquoise that contains copper can change from a light blue to a dark green.

<https://bit.ly/2T2vNjO>

## Upcoming Events

December 25: Christmas

January 1: New Year's Day

January 15: NN Oath of Office

January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



## SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM UPDATES



## LUPTON HOGAN COMPLETED!

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IN THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER, DCD'S SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM STARTED A PROJECT IN LUPTON THAT WAS A HOGAN WITH A BATHROOM ADDITION WHICH WAS FULLY CONSTRUCTED FROM THE GROUND UP. THIS HOME WAS MADE FOR AN ELDERLY LUPTON COMMUNITY MEMBER WHOSE HOME WAS DILAPIDATED AND THE ROOF WAS ON THE VERGE OF CAVING IN. THE SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM WORKED HARD

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# SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM UPDATES



THROUGH RAIN AND SNOW TO GET THE ELDER IN THE HOME BEFORE THE WINTER SNOW ARRIVED AT THE END OF DECEMBER. THE DCD SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM IS PROUD TO HAVE COMPLETED ANOTHER PROJECT FROM THE GROUND UP AND IS VERY HONORED TO HAVE PROVIDED A HOME TO AN ELDER IN NEED. THE HOME DEDICATION TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 28, 2018, WHERE THE HOMEOWNER FED THE CREW WITH A MUTTON FEAST.



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# SPECIAL PROJECTS

# TEAM UPDATES



## DCD SPECIAL PROJECT TEAM HAULS WOOD

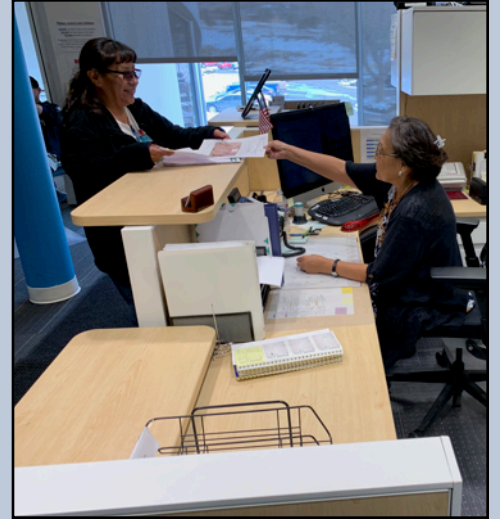
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DCD SPECIAL PROJECT  
TEAM ALONG WITH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CARL SMITH, THE SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM ASSISTANT, TIAUNA BEGAY, ASC'S JOHNNY JOHNSON AND CALVIN TSOSIE, STARTED THE YEAR OF 2019 OFF BY HAULING WOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED. THE CREW TRAVELED DEEP INTO THE WOODS TWO DAYS IN A ROW AND ASTONISHINGLY GOT 11 TRUCK LOADS. THE CREW IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING CLIENTS FROM OPVP AND CHAPTERS WHO ARE LOW ON FIREWOOD OR DON'T HAVE ANY AT ALL.





# DCD WORKSPACES GET UPGRADES



DCD's front entrance got a major renovation. The built-in desks did not have the needed functionality and the utilitarian look did not give good first impressions to visitors. The old desk was demolished and a new one installed in its place. The new workspace has better functionality and also looks more refined. Other tweaks to the workspace of other offices were done to improve work flow and usability for DCD employees.





# DCD STAFF ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER



On Tuesday, December 18, DCD staff had their Christmas Dinner at the Ft. Defiance Chapter House. The dinner was a potluck and people brought their favorite dishes, including turkey, ham, stuffing, yams, salads, chili, pies and all kinds of delicious holiday dinner items.

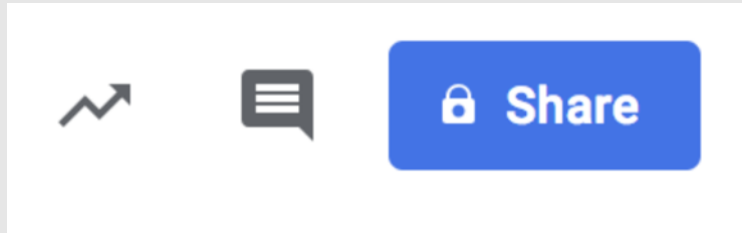
Mr. Carl Smith, DCD Executive Director, reflected on his time at DCD and the journey that DCD took during his tenure. He encouraged the staff to keep working on the projects that were started and most importantly, keep working for the Navajo people. He also presented award certificates to the special projects team for all the hard work they performed building homes for Navajo families.





## Now your Activity Dashboard is one click away in Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Drawings

What's new: G Suite has made it easier for you to open the Activity dashboard directly from Google Docs, Sheets, Slides and Drawings. You'll now see the Activity dashboard icon (a jagged arrow pointing upward) next to the comments button in the upper right-hand corner of the page.



Clicking on the icon opens the dashboard, where you can analyze time statistics and adjust privacy and document settings. This gives you instant access to the Activity dashboard information you're seeking. Hovering over the icon enables you to view the information others can see about you in the Activity dashboard. To learn more about seeing the view history of your Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides files, consult the Help Center.

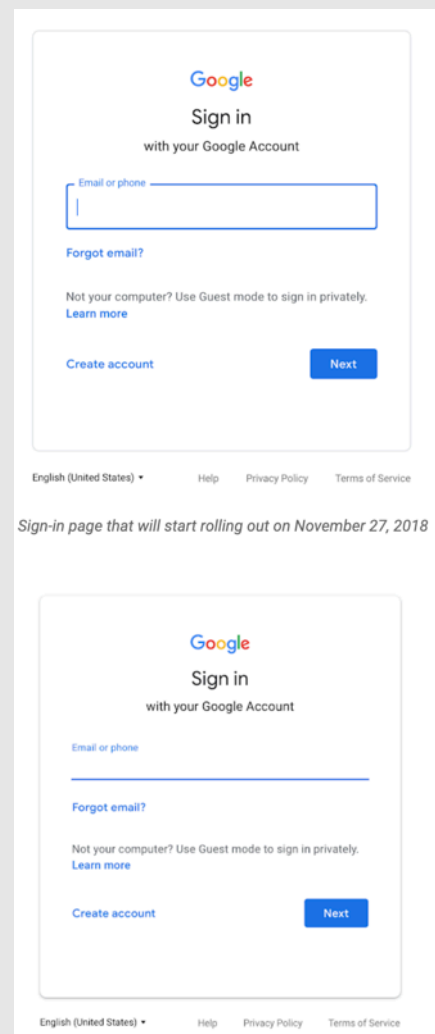
## Changes to the Google sign-in interface

What's new: Google made some small changes to the appearance of the Google sign-in page. These follow changes made earlier this year, which updated the sign-in page to match the Material Design principles used in other Google products.

Specifically, you might notice outlines around some entry fields, and changes to the spacing and styling of other text on both the web and mobile screens. The changes started to take effect on November 27th and may take up to two weeks to reach all users.

See the new sign-in UI

<https://bit.ly/2V7Yopw>





# Reindeer: 12 Fascinating Facts About These Amazing Creatures

NWF STAFF | DECEMBER 21, 2010

Reindeer are prominent in our holiday music and images. They pull Santa's sleigh, have red noses, have names, and fly. But how much do you really know about this northernmost deer species?

Here are 12 fascinating facts you can use to impress your friends and family:

1. In North America reindeer are also called caribou.
2. Both the males and females grow antlers.
3. Their noses are specially designed to warm the air before it gets to their lungs.
4. Reindeer hooves expand in summer when the ground is soft and shrink in winter when the ground is hard.
5. Some subspecies have knees that make a clicking noise when they walk so the animals can stay together in a blizzard.
6. Some North American caribou migrate over 3,000 miles in a year – more than any other land mammal.
7. Though thought of as a tundra species, a form of caribou lived in southern Idaho until the 19th century (there are ongoing efforts to re-establish them in the state).
8. Northernmost species are much lighter in color than species at the southern end their range.
9. Reindeer have been herded for centuries by several Arctic and Subarctic peoples.
10. The name “reindeer” is of Norse origin (from the old Norse word “hreinn” for deer) and has nothing to do the reins of a sled. The name “caribou” comes to us through the French, from the Mi'kmag “qalipu,” meaning “snow shoveler.”
11. Golden eagles are the leading predator of caribou calves in the late spring and fall.
12. Once the entire body of a reindeer was found inside a Greenland shark (most likely a case of near-shore scavenging, as opposed to a migrating land shark).

Measure for measure, reindeer are pretty awesome creatures. They are also threatened by global warming, oil exploration and other human-caused pressures.

<http://bit.ly/2Qc6Nd4>



# Bulletin Board

## **PRESIDENT BEGAYE SIGNS RECALL PETITION BILL TO ALLOW VOTERS TO HOLD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE**

WINDOW ROCK—President Russell Begaye on Wednesday lowered barriers for recalling elected officials when he signed a bill that makes it easier for voters to remove individuals from office.

Legislation No. 0239-18 amends the Navajo Election Code by reducing the number of signatures required on recall petitions from 60 percent to 45 percent of voters who participated in the election. Under the new law, if 45 percent of voters sign a recall petition, ballots are prepared and a special election is conducted.

READ MORE AT: <http://bit.ly/2PQtXV4>

## **Christmas is a season of giving and celebrating K'e.**

WINDOW ROCK – President Russell Begaye As we come together for holiday events, let's be thankful for our health, our meals and the warm fireplaces that bring our families together. The true spirit of the season lies within sharing family time.

Let's remember to check on our elderly relatives living in rural areas and who might need firewood or just some companionship. Bring everyone to the table when having your family dinner and encourage each other to share stories from the past year. This season is a time of storytelling and listening.

The winter solstice is a spiritual time for our people as the sunlight extends our days to grow longer. It's a time of blessing and thinking forward in preparation for the spring. We should think about ways to improve the quality of life of our families and our communities.

As President of the Navajo Nation, I would like to wish each and every one of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and very happy new year. The Office of the President and Vice President greatly appreciates the effort of all Navajo departments and staff in strengthening the greatness of our nation.

Enjoy time with your family and Ya'at'eeh' Keshmish.

<http://bit.ly/2SSoBr4>

## **PRESIDENT BEGAYE SIGNS HISTORIC AGREEMENT RESOLVING CHECKERBOARD LAND ISSUES IN EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Today, President Russell Begaye joined New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn in closing on a historic land exchange that solidifies hundreds of thousands of acres of checkerboard land within the Navajo Nation's Eastern Agency.

For decades, Navajo people living in the Eastern Navajo Agency have faced unresolved obstacles when seeking rights of ways and accessing culturally significant State Trust Land.

"Lands in the Eastern Agency are checkerboard with private, county, state and allotted land, which makes it difficult to work on roads and to install power and water lines," President Begaye said. "This land exchange is historic. For all these years, our people have wanted to make their lands whole. Thank you to the New Mexico State Land Office (SLO) for working with the Navajo Nation on this land exchange."

The land exchange conveys to the Navajo Nation over 45,562 acres of State Trust Lands in Cibola, McKinley and San Juan counties in exchange for 41,804 acres of Navajo-owned land in Cibola and Socorro counties.

READ MORE AT:

<https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=obf367cc7bf787cb9b02b21c8&id=cc68b30c>

## PERSONNEL NEWS

### **DCD OPEN POSITIONS**

#### **Administrative Service Centers:**

<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PAY RATE</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Klagetoh, AZ	35,755.20	01/11/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	St. Michaels, AZ	25,335.20	01/18/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Tselani, AZ	25,335.20	01/15/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Round Rock, AZ	35,755.20	01/11/2019
Community Services Coordinator (S)	Nahodishgish, NM	35,755.20	01/03/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Red Valley, AZ	25,335.20	01/15/2019
Accounts Maintenance Specialist (S)	Navajo Mountain, AZ	25,355.20	01/15/2019

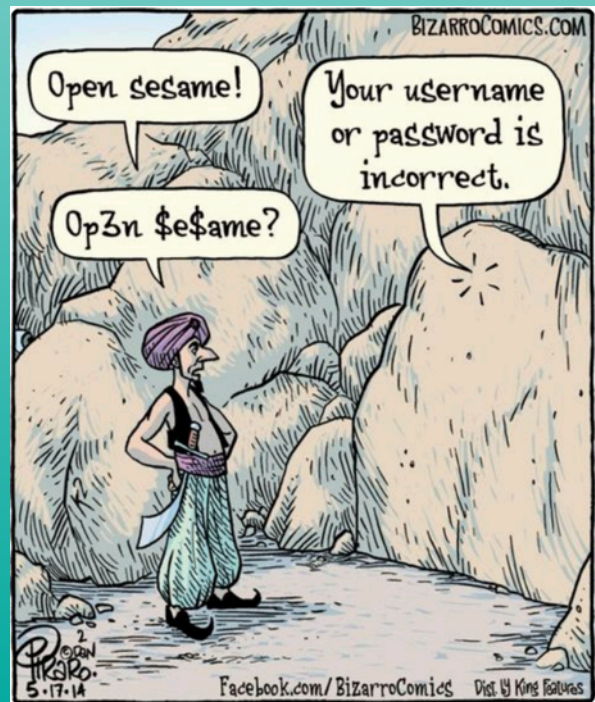
#### **Housing Improvement Program:**

<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PAY RATE</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>
Construction Supervisor (S)	Ft. Defiance, AZ	35,755.20	01/04/2019

For the most up-to-date personnel info, please visit DPM's website at <http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/jobs.html>



## COMIC OF THE MONTH





## Rural and Lower-Income Counties Lag Nation in Internet Subscription

### For the First Time, Census Bureau Data Show Impact of Geography, Income on Broadband Internet Access

MICHAEL J. R. MARTIN | DECEMBER 06, 2018

For the first time, U.S. Census Bureau statistics show the impact that a county's rural or urban geography and income level can have on residents' rates of subscription to the internet.

While the Census Bureau has reported national estimates of internet subscription for each of the past four years, the new data for all counties in the United States allow us to look at trends across smaller areas, including less populated rural areas.

**Nationally, 78 percent of households subscribe to the internet, but households in both rural and lower-income counties trail the national average by 13 points.**

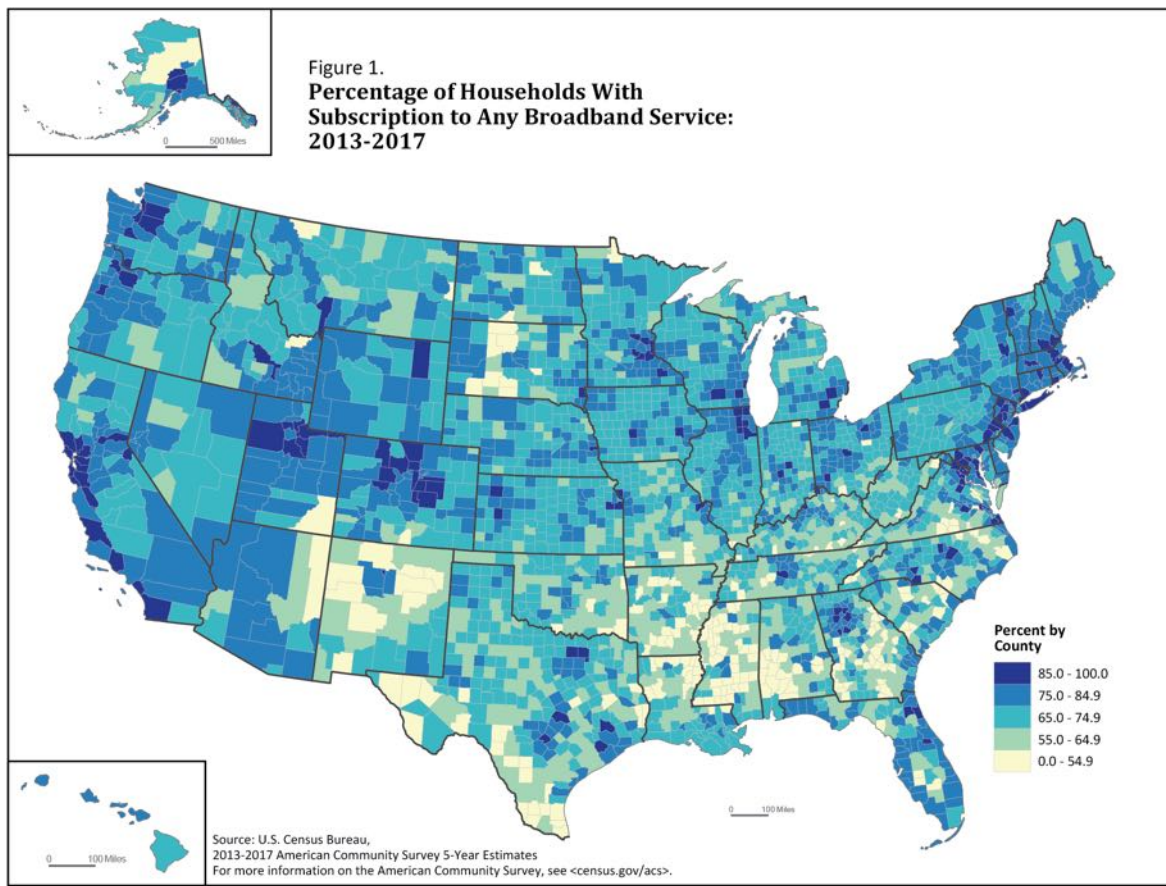
The 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates released today show overall widespread subscription to the internet throughout the country. Nationally, 78 percent of households subscribe to the internet, but households in both rural and lower-income counties trail the national average by 13 points.

In addition, the data show that Americans connect to the internet in a variety of ways, including through high-speed wired connections at home and cellular data plans while on the go. We define broadband internet subscriptions as any service that is capable of delivering faster speeds than "dial up" — no longer used by most, but still used by less than 1 percent of households nationally.

#### More Urban, More Connected

Mapping broadband internet subscription patterns shows that counties with higher subscription rates tend to be in or around urban areas, especially those along both coasts (Figure 1).

Figure 1



Higher subscription rates are found throughout the greater Washington, D.C., area, New York, and Seattle, among others.

Focusing on counties with at least 10,000 population (for which statistics are more reliable), Douglas County, Colo., had the highest rate of subscription at 94.6 percent. Loudoun County, Va.; Howard County, Md.; Fairfax City, Va.; Kendall County, Ill.; and Fairfax County, Va., also all have subscription rates of 92 percent or higher.

Counties with lower rates of subscription are prominent throughout the South, especially in the Mississippi River basin, as well as in a number of counties in the Midwest and West.

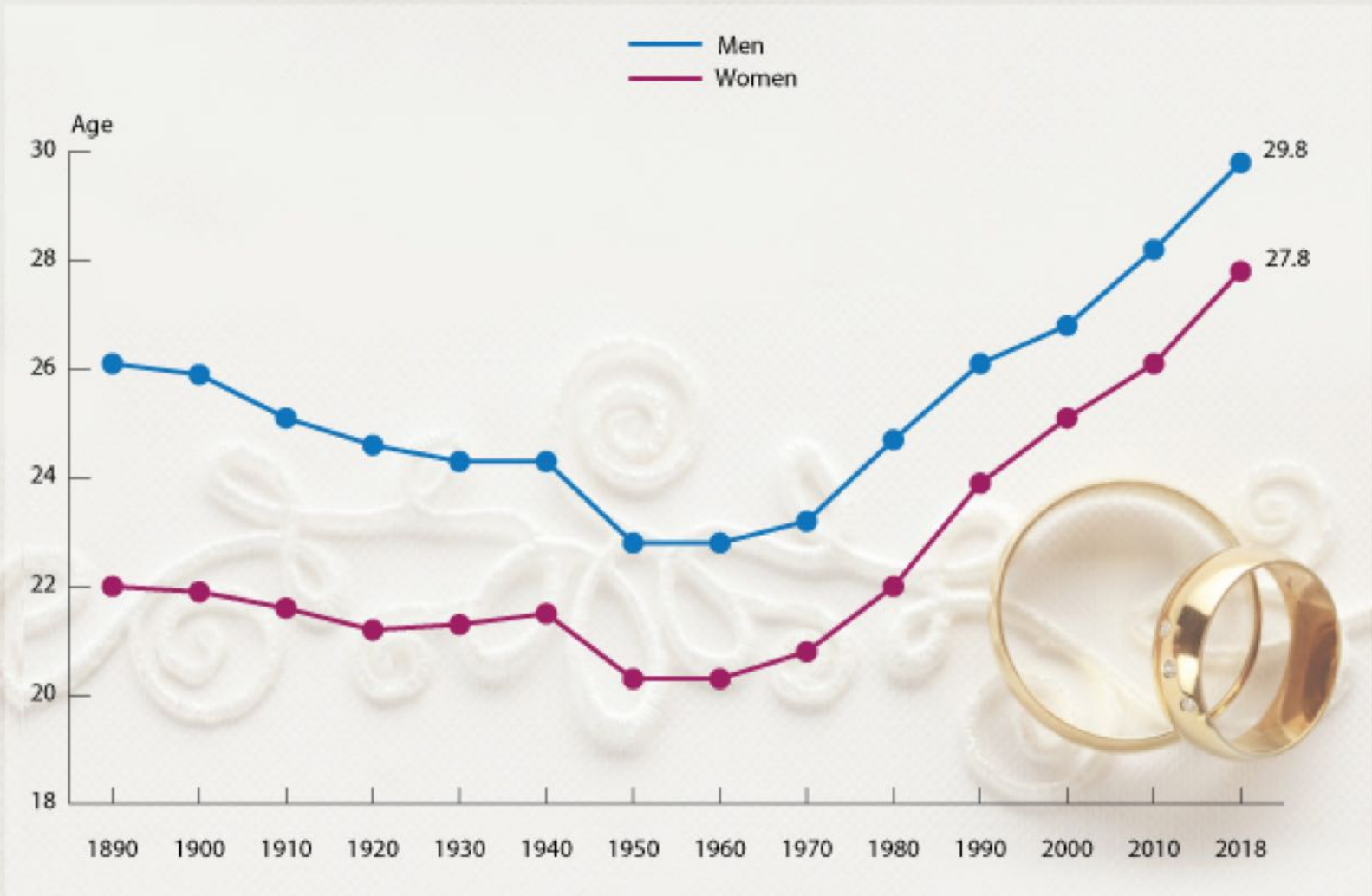
Telfair County, Ga., has the lowest rate of subscription at 24.9 percent out of counties with populations of 10,000 or more. Holmes County, Miss.; Kemper County, Miss.; Apache County, Ariz.; Monroe County, Ala.; McKinley County, N.M.; and Leflore County, Miss., all also have subscription rates at or below 40 percent.

**READ MORE AT: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2018/12/rural-and-lower-income-counties-lag-nation-internet-subscription.html>**



# People are Waiting to Get Married

## Median Age at First Marriage: 1890 to Present





# NOW HIRING!!! RECRUITING ASSISTANTS

### Recruiting Assistant Job Duties:

- ✓ Promotes Census jobs in assigned areas and in local communities.
- ✓ Assists with locating free space with access to computers to assist applicants with online application/assessment
- ✓ Locates free space to hold operational training sessions
- ✓ Informs supervisor of recruiting results and ongoing community relations efforts.
- ✓ Travel Required

## Apply Online!

[WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS](http://WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS)

### 1-855-JOB-2020

(1-855-562-2020)

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|-----------------|---------------------|
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| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>Utah</b>         |
| <b>Oklahoma</b> | <b>Nebraska</b>     |
| <b>Texas</b>    | <b>North Dakota</b> |
| <b>Montana</b>  | <b>South Dakota</b> |
| <b>Kansas</b>   | <b>Wyoming</b>      |

Road to 2020 Census







# *Save the Date*

*for the*

## INAUGURATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION

*President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer,  
& the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council*

JANUARY 15 2019

Doors Open to the Public at 7:00 a.m. (MST)

Inaugural Ceremony from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (MST)

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- No alcohol/illegal substance/weapons
- Only clear bags allowed, no larger than 12" x 6"
- Only small clutch purses allowed, no larger than 5.5" x 8.5"





**NAVAJO NATION AGENCY COUNCILS**  
(2017 - 2023)

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