

Accuracy of 2010 Census in jeopardy

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WASHINGTON - The 2010 U.S. Census could face accuracy problems due to several census procedures that remain untested, a U.S. senator says.

U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., said Thursday that six of the systems set to be used in next year's census operations haven't been fully tested, creating concerns the population count will be effective, The Hill reported.

"The 2010 Census is approaching rapidly, with Census Day less than 13 months away," Carper said at a subcommittee hearing. "The (Census) Bureau has faced many operational and organizational challenges that have jeopardized its success."

Robert Goldenkoff, Government Accountability Office director of strategic issues, confirmed Carper's concerns that the Census Bureau is unprepared for the census to begin on April 1, 2010.

"With little time remaining, uncertainties surround the bureau's readiness for 2010," Goldenkoff admitted.

Testimony offered at Thursday's hearing included claims that by the time the U.S. 2010 Census is completed in 2012, it will have cost \$15 billion to complete, The Washington Post (NYSE:WPO) said.

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