

## A Bright Idea

On **October 22nd, 1879**, Thomas Edison's team made a light bulb with a carbonized filament of uncoated cotton thread that lasted **14.5 hours**, long enough to light a home. You can visit [the Stats for Stories page](#) on census.gov to learn more about this illuminating invention and find economic data on electric lighting.

### **Share Your Bright Ideas About the 2030 Census**

For the first time, members of the public can formally give input on planning and designing the next census. The Census Bureau wants your feedback on:

- Reaching and Motivating Everyone**
- Technology**
- New Data Sources**
- Contacting the Public**
- Providing Public Support**

Your input will help design a better 2030 Census!

The deadline to provide feedback is November 15.

Visit **[census.gov/2030](https://census.gov/2030)** to share your bright ideas online or by email.

