

## **Merarys Ríos - Vargas US Census Bureau Biography**

Merarys Ríos-Vargas is chief of the Population Division's Ethnicity and Ancestry Branch at the U.S. Census Bureau. She began her career at the Census Bureau in 2006 as a survey statistician in the American Community Survey Office's Education, Communication and Outreach Branch.

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