

HOW YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Census Data's Impact on Funding for Infrastructure Programs

WHO CARES ABOUT THE CENSUS?

YOU should!

The federal government uses the data from the U.S. Census to determine how much funding a state will receive for infrastructure as well as how much representation your area will have in the government.

If you are not counted in the Census, your community and neighborhood could be negatively impacted!



WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

In 2015, Pennsylvania received more than \$26.7 billion from 16 federal programs that base ten years of funding off census data. If your community is undercounted, this funding could decrease.

How would this affect the infrastructure programs in the state?

Using Census data, the government provides funding for infrastructure (transportation) programs such as:

- Highway Planning and Construction Program – aims to preserve the National Highway System

Other programs include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – awarded to communities based on income levels and used to improve road and other transportation routes
- State and Community Highway Safety Grants – population counts help determine the grant amounts for highway safety programs
- Federal Transit Metropolitan Planning Grant Program – funds transportation planning in urban areas

Do any of these programs affect you, your children, your family, or your community?

Make sure you and your family are counted in the 2020 Census. Participate in the brief survey so that the government can fund these important programs.

“2020 Census: Counting Everyone Once, Only Once, and in the Right Place”

THE CENSUS AFFECTS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Census data can be used to help the federal government award funding for different transportation grants. This data directly impacts your local infrastructure and transportation programming. Without a proper count of the population, the government does not know where assistance is needed most. *That is why it is important for you to participate!*

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