

HOW YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Census Data's Impact on Funding for Social Service Programs

WHO CARES ABOUT THE CENSUS?

YOU should!

The federal government uses data from the U.S. Census to determine how much funding a state will receive for social service programs, as well as how much representation your area will receive 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 this census data. If your community is undercounted, this funding could decrease.

How would this affect the social service programs in the state?

The government uses Census data to award funding for social service programs such as:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – financial assistance for low-income families to buy food
- National School Lunch Program – provides healthy and low-cost or free lunches to low-income children in public school
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – new mothers who receive limited income, as well as young children, may use this program to get nutritious food, education, and referrals to health and social services

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 survey so that the government can fund programs in your community.

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



THE CENSUS AFFECTS LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS

Census data can be used to focus social services on food and nutrition programs for low-income households. One example is the Child Nutrition Program, which supports state and local governments to make sure children in schools and child care, along with adults in adult day care, have healthy meals every day. Census data directly impacts all your local social service programming. Without a proper count of the population, the government does not know where the aid is needed.

This project was made possible through the support from:



MOSES TAYLOR
FOUNDATION
Advancing Our Legacy of Health