

COLORADO

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\$13,087,705,849

through 55 federal spending programs
guided by data derived from the 2010 Census.

The **Counting for Dollars 2020 Project** aims to understand 1) the extent to which the federal government will rely on data from the 2020 Census to guide the distribution of federal funding to states, localities, and households across the nation and 2) the impact of the accuracy of the 2020 Census on the fair, equitable distribution of these funds.

The project has analyzed spending by state for 55 federal programs (\$883,094,826,042 in FY2016). Three types of programs are analyzed:

- **Domestic financial assistance programs** provide financial assistance – including direct payments to individuals, grants, loans, and loan guarantees – to non-federal entities within the U.S. – such as individuals and families, state and local governments, companies, and nonprofits – in order to fulfill a public purpose.
- **Tax credit programs** allow a special exclusion, exemption, or deduction from gross income or provide a special credit, a preferential rate of tax, or a deferral of tax liability.
- **Procurement programs** award a portion of Federal prime contract dollars to small businesses located in areas selected on the basis of census-derived data.

The four uses of census-derived datasets to geographically allocate funding are:

- **Define eligibility criteria** – that is, identify which organizations or individuals can receive funds.
- **Compute formulas** that geographically allocate funds to eligible recipients.
- **Rank project applications** based on priorities (e.g., smaller towns, poorer neighborhoods).
- **Set interest rates** for federal loan programs.

The two categories of census-derived datasets are:

- **Geographic classifications** – the characterization (e.g., rural), delineation (e.g., Metropolitan Areas), or designation (e.g., Opportunity Zones) of specific geographic areas.
- **Variable datasets**
 - **Annual updates** of population and housing variables collected in the Decennial Census.
 - **Household surveys** collecting new data elements (e.g., income, occupation) by using the Decennial Census to design representative samples and interpret results.



Reports of the Counting for Dollars 2020 Project:

- > **Report #1:** Initial Analysis: 16 Large Census-guided Financial Assistance Programs (August 2017)*
- > **Report #2:** Estimating Fiscal Costs of a Census Undercount to States (March 2018)*
- > **Report #3:** Role of the Decennial Census in Distributing Federal Funds to Rural America (December 2018)*
- > **Report #4:** Census-derived Datasets Used to Distribute Federal Funds (December 2018)
- > **Report #5:** Analysis of 55 Large Census-guided Federal Spending Programs (forthcoming)*†
- > **Report #6:** An Inventory of 320 Census-guided Federal Spending Programs (forthcoming)

* Data available by state

† Source for this state sheet

Counting for Dollars 2020

The Role of the Decennial Census in the Geographic Distribution of Federal Funds

REPORT

COUNTING FOR DOLLARS 2020:

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**Allocation of Funds from 55 Large Federal Spending Programs
Guided by Data Derived from the 2010 Census (Fiscal Year 2016)**

Total Program Obligations: \$13,087,705,849

Program	Dept.	Obligations	Program	Dept.	Obligations
Financial Assistance Programs		\$12,858,200,676			
Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	HHS	\$5,125,368,000	Community Facilities Loans/Grants	USDA	\$38,129,458
Federal Direct Student Loans	ED	\$1,816,819,681	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	ED	\$24,963,497
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	USDA	\$728,042,703	Crime Victim Assistance	DOJ	\$37,271,902
Medicare Suppl. Medical Insurance (Part B)	HHS	\$786,507,694	CDBG Entitlement Grants	HUD	\$25,282,054
Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	\$641,923,739	Public Housing Capital Fund	HUD	\$14,048,000
Federal Pell Grant Program	ED	\$395,600,000	Block Grants for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	HHS	\$28,777,345
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	\$258,262,000	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	USDA	\$4,713,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	HHS	\$149,418,660	Social Services Block Grant	HHS	\$26,464,591
Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans	USDA	\$243,896,069	Rural Rental Assistance Payments	USDA	\$15,606,894
Title I Grants to LEAs	ED	\$154,500,468	Business and Industry Loans	USDA	\$37,691,000
State Children's Health Insurance Program	HHS	\$228,329,000	Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	ED	\$16,094,229
National School Lunch Program	USDA	\$134,305,000	Homeland Security Grant Program	DHS	\$6,665,023
Special Education Grants	ED	\$160,911,478	WIOA Dislocated Worker Grants	DOL	\$13,477,656
Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program	HUD	\$117,380,833	HOME	HUD	\$14,055,437
Federal Transit Formula Grants	DOT	\$153,922,000	State CDBG	HUD	\$8,517,211
Head Start	HHS	\$172,072,623	WIOA Youth Activities	DOL	\$11,182,905
WIC	USDA	\$76,029,000	WIOA Adult Activities	DOL	\$11,378,260
Title IV-E Foster Care	HHS	\$82,262,554	Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser	DOL	\$12,415,523
Health Care Centers	HHS	\$101,601,456	Community Services Block Grant	HHS	\$6,189,433
School Breakfast Program	USDA	\$49,267,000	Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services	HHS	\$9,654,267
Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees	USDA	\$395,866,000	Cooperative Extension Service	USDA	\$4,627,804
Public and Indian Housing	HUD	\$26,979,000	Native Amer. Employment & Training	DOL	\$715,383
Low Income Home Energy Assistance	HHS	\$49,021,093			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	USDA	\$25,792,000	Federal Tax Expenditures		\$185,262,647
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to the States	ED	\$42,317,015	Low Income Housing Tax Credit	Treas	\$146,246,773
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds	HHS	\$38,671,000	New Markets Tax Credit	Treas	\$39,015,874
Unemployment Insurance Administration	DOL	\$37,844,000			
Federal Transit - Capital Investment Grants	DOT	\$247,144,237	Federal Procurement Programs		\$44,242,526
Child Care and Development Block Grant	HHS	\$34,568,000	HUBZones Program	SBA	\$44,242,526
Adoption Assistance	HHS	\$15,657,501			

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Note: The sequence of the above programs is consistent with U.S. rank order by program expenditures. (See U.S. sheet in series.)

Counting for Dollars 2020 publications and spreadsheet with above data available at <https://gwipp.gwu.edu/counting-dollars-2020-role-decennial-census-geographic-distribution-federal-funds>

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