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Counting for Dollars 2020

16 Large Federal Assistance Programs that Distribute Funds on Basis of Decennial
Census-derived Statistics (Fiscal Year 2015)

United States

Total Program Obligations: \$589,695,029,211

Per Capita: \$1,838 (see note on proper use)

<u>CFDA #</u>	<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Obligations</u>
93.778	Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	HHS	Grants	States	\$311,975,766,352
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	USDA	Direct Pay	Households	\$69,489,854,016
93.774	Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance) – Physicians Fee Schedule Services	HHS	Direct Pay	Providers	\$64,176,725,988
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	Grants	States	\$38,331,904,422
14.871	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$19,087,549,000
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	ED	Grants	LEAs	\$13,859,180,910
10.555	National School Lunch Program	USDA	Grants	States	\$11,560,852,485
84.027	Special Education Grants (IDEA)	ED	Grants	States	\$11,233,112,681
93.767	State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$11,089,152,000
14.195	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program (Project-based)	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$9,238,092,008
93.600	Head Start/Early Head Start	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$8,259,130,975
10.557	Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	USDA	Grants	States	\$6,347,680,031
93.658	Foster Care (Title IV-E)	HHS	Grants	States	\$4,635,733,000
93.224/ 93.527	Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$4,181,407,055
93.568	Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$3,370,228,288
93.596	Child Care and Development Fund – Entitlement	HHS	Grants	States	\$2,858,660,000

Notes and Findings:

- The [Counting for Dollars Project](#) will identify all federal financial assistance programs relying Decennial Census-derived data to guide the geographic distribution of funds.
- As an initial product, the project is publishing tables on the distribution, by state, of FY2015 funds from 16 large Census-guided programs.
- For every program but the National School Lunch Program, the equitable distribution of funds to a state depends on the accurate measurement of its population count and characteristics.
- There is not a straight linear relationship between state population count and federal funds flow. The per capita figure allows cross-state comparisons of fiscal reliance on census-guided programs. *It does not indicate the amount by which federal funding increases for each additional person counted.* (See The Leadership Conference Education Fund, "[Counting for Dollars: Why It Matters.](#)")

Definitions:

- Census-derived statistics – federal datasets that are extensions of or otherwise rely on the Decennial Census (list available on [project website](#))
- Census-guided financial assistance programs – programs that rely on Census-derived statistics to determine program eligibility and/or allocate funds to states and localities
- Per capita – total FY2015 obligations for the 16 programs divided by population as of July 1, 2015 (per the Census Bureau)

Abbreviations:

- CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
- ED – U.S. Department of Education
- HHS – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- DOT – U.S. Department of Transportation

Sources:

- USAspending.gov (20.050, 84.010, 84.027, 93.224/93.527, 93.568, 93.600, 93.778)
- President's Budget Request for FY2017 or program agency (10.511, 10.555, 10.557, 14.871, 93.596, 93.658, 93.767)
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (14.195)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, HHS (Physicians Fee Schedule Services of 93.774)

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