

Still Undecided? Read This!

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The word census comes from the Roman Republic. The Romans kept a list of all adult males who were fit for military service. Today in the U.S., we use the census to count *all people*. We need an official count of the population so that we have adequate resources and correct political representation.

I plan to participate in the 2020 Census. When I fill out the census, I will be following the law. There is a reason the census is required by law: the information is necessary for the government! If my community is not fully counted in the census, we will not get the services we need. We would not get all the funding we need for schools, healthcare,

and other important services. We would not get all the representatives we need in congress.

Would you want to be the cause of your community not receiving the services it needs? Well, then I recommend you learn more about the census, and I think then you, too, will want to be counted!

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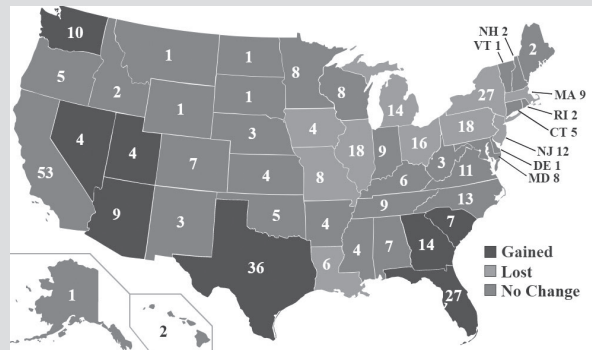
How Much Money for your State?

The U.S. government gives money to the states based on their population. Let's say your state gets \$2500 per person per year from the federal government. A family of five adds funding to your state:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$2500 \\
 \times 5 \text{ (people)} \\
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 \$12,500 \\
 \times 10 \text{ (years)} \\
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 \$125,000
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In the example above, if a family of five were not counted, the state would lose \$125,000 over 10 years. Do the math for your family. If you do not count your family, how much will your state lose?

How Many Members of Congress for your State?



Apportionment based on the 2010 Census

After each census, the total number of representatives is split among the states, based on their new populations. This process is called *apportionment*. If your community is not counted, you might lose representation in congress.