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NM LUCA and the 2020 Census

Billions of Federal Dollars is Distributed to States Based on Census Counts

- \$400-500 Billion in annual federal funds is allocated to state and local governments based on decennial census counts¹
- New Mexico receives \$3.5 to \$4 billion in annual federal assistance on a per capita basis
 - Funds Medicaid, Transportation Grants, Education Grants, Section 8 Housing Vouchers, Community Development Block Grants, and dozens more
- Each New Mexican not counted may result in a loss of approximately \$2,972 for each of ten years²
- **A 1% undercount of New Mexicans in 2020 may result in a \$600,000,000 loss of funds over a ten-year period**
 - 20,000 people * \$3,000 * 10 years ≈ \$600,000,000

New Mexico is Very Vulnerable to Census Undercount

- New Mexico's greater vulnerability to undercount is due to its unique demographic characteristics
 - Large Native American and Hispanic Populations
 - Vast Rural Areas
 - High Poverty Rates
- **In 2000 the net undercount for New Mexico was 1.94% or over 35,000 people³**
 - Fourth highest undercount of any state
- In 2010 the undercount was reduced to under 0.3%⁴ due to:
 - A collaborative effort by the Geospatial Advisory Committee (GAC), Department of Finance Administration (DFA), Bureau of Business and Economic Research/Geospatial Population Studies (BBER/GPS), Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC) and local governments identified over 100,000 housing units missing from the Census Bureau's address list
 - Funds, approximately \$300K, were provided by DFA and the state legislature to conduct this work

LUCA Participation Will Ensure an Accurate Count in New Mexico

- Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) is the opportunity for state and local governments to update the Census Bureau's Master Address File (MAF)
- **LUCA is critical to an accurate Census, the address list informs enumerators where to count**
- Adequate resources will allow GPS, BBER, EDAC and TRD to build a first-rate, comprehensive address file
- This address list will:
 - Ensure that no housing units are missed by the Census Bureau in 2020
 - Position the state to challenge any undercount
 - Remain a valuable, much needed resource for agencies throughout the state

Additional Information

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¹ Government Accountability Office, Funding for the Largest Federal Assistance Programs Is Based on Census Related Data and Other Factors (<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10263.pdf>)

² George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, Counting for Dollars 2020 New Mexico (<https://gwipp.gwu.edu/sites/gwipp.gwu.edu/files/downloads/New%20Mexico%20CFD%2008-18-17.pdf>)

³ Price Waterhouse Coopers, Effect of Census 2000 Undercount on Federal Funding to States and Selected Counties, 2002-2012 (http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/cmb/cmbp/reports/final_report/fin_sec5_effect.pdf)

⁴ US Census Bureau, 2010 Census Coverage Measurement Results (<http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/pdf/ACETechAssess.pdf>)

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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)

New Mexico

Total Program Obligations: \$6,197,394,617

Per Capita: \$2,972 (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	\$4,173,017,895
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	USDA	Direct Pay	Households	\$685,206,629
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	Grants	States	\$360,908,073
93.774	Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance) – Physicians Fee Schedule Services	HHS	Direct Pay	Providers	\$252,631,865
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	ED	Grants	LEAs	\$115,281,583
10.555	National School Lunch Program	USDA	Grants	States	\$95,353,466
84.027	Special Education Grants (IDEA)	ED	Grants	States	\$90,766,161
93.600	Head Start/Early Head Start	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$84,381,811
14.871	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$74,512,000
93.767	State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$73,635,000
93.527/ 93.224	Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$65,320,352
10.557	Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	USDA	Grants	States	\$38,654,036
14.195	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program (Project-based)	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$30,028,385
93.658	Foster Care (Title IV-E)	HHS	Grants	States	\$20,392,000
93.596	Child Care and Development Fund-Entitlement	HHS	Grants	States	\$20,188,000
93.568	Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$17,117,361

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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