

# CALIFORNIA

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**\$115,133,486,972**

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:

# CALIFORNIA

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

**Total Program Obligations: \$115,133,486,972**

Program	Dept.	Obligations	Program	Dept.	Obligations
<b>Financial Assistance Programs</b>		<b>\$112,792,915,730</b>			
Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	HHS	\$55,457,936,000	Community Facilities Loans/Grants	USDA	\$84,668,579
Federal Direct Student Loans	ED	\$8,635,764,223	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	ED	\$277,477,463
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	USDA	\$7,237,700,086	Crime Victim Assistance	DOJ	\$264,297,285
Medicare Suppl. Medical Insurance (Part B)	HHS	\$6,735,374,256	CDBG Entitlement Grants	HUD	\$329,020,582
Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	\$3,543,298,741	Public Housing Capital Fund	HUD	\$74,369,000
Federal Pell Grant Program	ED	\$3,611,600,000	Block Grants for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	HHS	\$254,414,759
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	\$3,545,946,000	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	USDA	\$9,305,900
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	HHS	\$3,724,089,551	Social Services Block Grant	HHS	\$191,732,260
Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans	USDA	\$512,261,295	Rural Rental Assistance Payments	USDA	\$108,032,705
Title I Grants to LEAs	ED	\$1,749,000,363	Business and Industry Loans	USDA	\$35,379,000
State Children's Health Insurance Program	HHS	\$1,995,222,000	Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	ED	\$119,693,808
National School Lunch Program	USDA	\$1,471,536,000	Homeland Security Grant Program	DHS	\$190,718,235
Special Education Grants	ED	\$1,251,509,026	WIOA Dislocated Worker Grants	DOL	\$165,674,751
Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program	HUD	\$1,095,750,018	HOME	HUD	\$107,650,376
Federal Transit Formula Grants	DOT	\$1,596,175,000	State CDBG	HUD	\$27,834,660
Head Start	HHS	\$1,200,242,695	WIOA Youth Activities	DOL	\$128,788,366
WIC	USDA	\$1,128,854,000	WIOA Adult Activities	DOL	\$121,608,341
Title IV-E Foster Care	HHS	\$1,327,713,848	Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser	DOL	\$86,004,109
Health Care Centers	HHS	\$595,808,808	Community Services Block Grant	HHS	\$63,858,548
School Breakfast Program	USDA	\$503,354,000	Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C, Nutrition Services	HHS	\$68,705,000
Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees	USDA	\$23,826,000	Cooperative Extension Service	USDA	\$10,269,362
Public and Indian Housing	HUD	\$116,698,000	Native Amer. Employment & Training	DOL	\$5,892,810
Low Income Home Energy Assistance	HHS	\$177,201,621			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	USDA	\$429,089,000	<b>Federal Tax Expenditures</b>		<b>\$1,367,310,483</b>
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to the States	ED	\$296,559,132	Low Income Housing Tax Credit	Treas	\$1,049,246,700
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds	HHS	\$293,025,000	New Markets Tax Credit	Treas	\$318,063,783
Unemployment Insurance Administration	DOL	\$375,334,000			
Federal Transit - Capital Investment Grants	DOT	\$635,418,619	<b>Federal Procurement Programs</b>		<b>\$973,260,759</b>
Child Care and Development Block Grant	HHS	\$303,730,000	HUBZones Program	SBA	\$973,260,759
Adoption Assistance	HHS	\$497,502,550			

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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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