

A Complete Census Count is Vital to Florida Reaching its Full Potential

Key Takeaways

1. More than 300 federal government programs provide states with funding based upon the decennial Census count.
2. As one of the fastest growing states, Florida is inherently shortchanged by census-derived funding, making it especially vulnerable to the effects of a Census undercount.
3. Paired with the ACS, Census data drives informed decision-making, such as determining how many seats are needed in a new school or how to best develop roads.
4. Census and ACS data is frequently used by businesses. For example, developers may use the data to determine where to build new homes, or specialized companies may use the data when deciding where to find potential workers with the right talent.

Want to Learn More?

To learn about how **the decennial Census is used by the public and private sector**, read: [“An Accurate Count in the 2020 Census is Vital for Florida”](#) (8 minutes)

For an in-depth look at the ways **the Census impacts communities**, watch the hearing of the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, [“The Economic Impacts of the 2020 Census and Business Uses of Federal Data.”](#) (30 minutes; stop at 50:45)
