

Why the 2020 Census is Important to Nebraska

Did you know that the distribution of political representation and taxpayer's dollars is based upon how many residents the Census counts?

Equal Representation in Government

The Census is conducted every 10 years to ensure equal representation in elected government at the federal, state, and local levels.

Return of Resident Tax Dollars to Nebraska

The Census establishes Nebraska's proportion of all federal funds for the next 10 years. In fiscal year 2016, \$3.995 billion in federal funds were obligated in Nebraska based upon resident counts from the 2010 Census and subsequent annual population estimates. This equates to \$2,096 in federal funds distributed annually for each Nebraska resident. When residents are not counted the state loses federal dollars that should be sent to local areas.

Your community benefits the most when everyone is counted.

These are just some of the ways that census population totals matter for the amount of dollars returned to Nebraska.

	2016 Federal Returns to NE
Transportation & Highways	\$421.1 M
Housing & Energy	\$289.6 M
Families & Children	\$525.9 M
Health & Insurance	\$1,585.6 M
Education	\$960.2 M
Rural Affairs	\$28.7 M
Community & Economic Support	\$65.3 M

Over a 10 year span:



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