

50 Ways Census Data Are Used

- Decision making at all levels of government.
 - Drawing federal, state, and local legislative districts.
 - Attracting new businesses to state and local areas.
 - Distributing over \$300 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds.
 - Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.
 - Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and the location of other health services.
 - Forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population.
 - Directing funds for services for people in poverty.
 - Designing public safety strategies.
 - Development of rural areas.
 - Analyzing local trends.
 - Estimating the number of people displaced by natural disasters.
 - Developing assistance programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
 - Creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.
 - Delivering goods and services to local markets.
 - Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, or children.
 - Planning future government services.
 - Planning investments and evaluating financial risk.
 - Publishing economic and statistical reports about the United States and its people.
 - Facilitating scientific research.
 - Developing “intelligent” maps for government and business.
 - Providing proof of age, relationship, or residence certificates provided by the Census Bureau.
 - Distributing medical research.
 - Reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives.
 - Planning and researching for media as backup for news stories.
 - Providing evidence in litigation involving land use, voting rights, and equal opportunity.
 - Drawing school district boundaries.
 - Planning budgets for government at all levels.
 - Spotting trends in the economic well-being of the nation.
 - Planning for public transportation services.
 - Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities.
 - Establishing fair market rents and enforcing fair lending practices.
 - Directing services to children and adults with limited English language proficiency.
 - Planning urban land use.
 - Planning outreach strategies.
 - Understanding labor supply.
 - Assessing the potential for spread of communicable diseases.
 - Analyzing military potential.
 - Making business decisions.
 - Understanding consumer needs.
 - Planning for congregations.
 - Locating factory sites and distribution centers.
 - Distributing catalogs and developing direct mail pieces.
 - Setting a standard for creating both public and private sector surveys.
 - Evaluating programs in different geographic areas.
 - Providing genealogical research.
 - Planning for school projects.
 - Developing adult education programs.
 - Researching historical subject areas.
 - Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans.
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