

The 2020 census will guide policy for a decade, so it is more important than ever to make sure that every resident in our community is accurately counted.



The census provides detailed data that directs more than \$33.5 billion to Ohio communities. Programs like:

- Medicaid
- SNAP
- Medicare Part B
- Highway planning and construction
- Section 8
- Special Education
- School lunches
- Head Start
- WIC

Specifically:

- As a result of census data, Ohio received \$352 million for CHIP in 2016
- Thanks to census data, between 2013 and 2016, Ohio received more than \$580 million in federal funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance

- Ohio received more than \$1.3 billion in funding for highway construction that was authorized by the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and based on census data
- in 2015 \$1,814 was spent per person in Ohio based on data derived from the 2010 U.S. Census
- City and county planners depend on accurate data to help build important services like schools, roads, and emergency services infrastructure
- They also use it for economic development forecasts and neighborhood planning, and businesses use it to plan ahead for expansion and allocation of resources
- Census data determine the number of representatives Ohio has in the congress. We're likely to lose a seat this time, so it's critically important that Central Ohio's growing population be counted to help offset losses in other parts of the state.

For more information, visit Columbus.gov/ColumbusCounts or just click the link on our website.