U.S. CENSUS

The Facts

The census occurs every 10 years and ensures fair political representation and equitable distribution of over $400 billion in public dollars based on population counts.

California has 10 of the top 50 hardest-to-count counties in the United States.

Los Angeles is the hardest-to-count county in the country. Between 2002 and 2012, it lost $650 million in federal funds because of an undercount.

There were 113,000 Latino children (0-5) who were undercounted from the 2010 Census.

Current News on the 2020 Census

► The Department of Justice recently sent a letter to the Census Bureau asking to include a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census form. Census advocates believe that this will result in an undercount among immigrant populations.

► California Governor Jerry Brown announced that he is committing $40.3 million in the FY 18-19 Budget to conduct outreach for the 2020 Census.

► There is currently no leader at the U.S. Census Bureau since former Director John Thompson resigned back in May 2017.

Further Reading

• “What California Latinos have at stake in the next census,” Sacramento Bee
• “Citizenship and the Census,” The New York Times
• Mapping Hard to Count (HTC) Communities for a Fair and Accurate 2020 Census