

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
- ["The Invisible Ones: How Latino Children Are Left out of Nation's Census Count,"](#) National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund