

Census by the Numbers

3.9 million: number of people counted in 1790, in the US's first-ever Census. Back then, the count was conducted by federal marshals on horseback and took 18 months to complete.¹

281 million: number of people counted in Census 2000.¹

12: number of pages the Census long-forms were in 2000.¹

1: number of pages the Census form will be in 2010.¹

140,000: number of Census enumerators currently out in neighborhoods verifying 145 million addresses.²

3.8 million: eventual total number of 2010 Census workers.³

10,000: running number of organizations currently partnered with Census 2010.⁴

70,000: number of Questionnaire Assistance Centers and Be Counted sites for Census 2010.⁵

3.1 million: est. number of people counted twice in 2000 Census.⁶

6.4 million: est. number of people missed in 2000 Census (mostly lower income, racial and language minorities, and children).⁶

\$478 million: est. amount of net federal funds lost to the states for the 2002-2012 period due to the undercount in Census 2000.⁶

10: number of years of federal dollars the Census determines.³

4:1: rate at which Latinos were more likely to be missed in Census 2000.⁶

7:1: rate at which Native Americans were more likely to be missed in Census 2000.⁶

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¹ <http://2010census.gov/2010Census>. "About the Census."

² Press Release, U.S. Census Bureau News. "Census Workers to Verify Addresses in the U.S." March 25, 2009.

³ "An Introduction to the 2010 Census." US Census Bureau. <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/pdf-OverviewRelease.pdf>. Spring 2009.

⁴ "Status Update on the 2010 Census Communications and Partnership Programs." Prepared statement of Acting Census Director Thomas Mesenbourg. Presented before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives. March 23, 2009.

⁵ Cited by Legislative Consultant Terri Ann Lowenthal during NVEN webinar: "Nonprofits and the 2010 Census." April 1, 2009.

⁶ Census Monitoring Board. "US Census Monitoring Board Presidential Members Final Report to Congress." Section 1, 5 (pp 6, 7, 114, 129). September 1, 2001. <http://govinfo.library.unt.edu>