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## Why the 2020 Census is Important to Nebraska

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**Did you know that the distribution of political representation and taxpayer's dollars is based upon how many residents the Census counts?**

## Equal Representation in Government

The Census is conducted every 10 years to ensure equal representation in elected government at the federal, state, and local levels.

## Return of Resident Tax Dollars to Nebraska

The Census establishes Nebraska's proportion of all federal funds for the next 10 years. In fiscal year 2016, \$3.995 billion in federal funds were obligated in Nebraska based upon resident counts from the 2010 Census and subsequent annual population estimates. This equates to \$2,096 in federal funds distributed annually for each Nebraska resident. When residents are not counted the state loses federal dollars that should be sent to local areas.

**Your community benefits the most when everyone is counted.**

These are just some of the ways that census population totals matter for the amount of dollars returned to Nebraska.

**Over a 10 year span:**



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	2016 Federal Returns to NE
Transportation & Highways	\$421.1 M
Housing & Energy	\$289.6 M
Families & Children	\$525.9 M
Health & Insurance	\$1,585.6 M
Education	\$960.2 M
Rural Affairs	\$28.7 M
Community & Economic Support	\$65.3 M

Source: George Washington University, 2017  
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