ARIZONA

PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2026

PROPOSED 2030 CENSUS RULE

WHAT THE PROPOSED RULE SAYS Published Sept. 10, 2026 (91 FR 57524). Comments closed Nov. 2, 2026.

Who is counted, and where (Part 60). People who are not U.S. citizens or green card holders, including students, workers on visas, refugees, and asylum seekers, would not be counted for apportionment (§ 60.4). Everyone else would be counted where they spent the most days from Jan. 3 to April 1, matched to tax records (§ 60.2, § 60.6).

What the census asks (Part 70). The form could not ask about race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and only sex, date of birth, and household relationship would be required (§ 70.2). Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

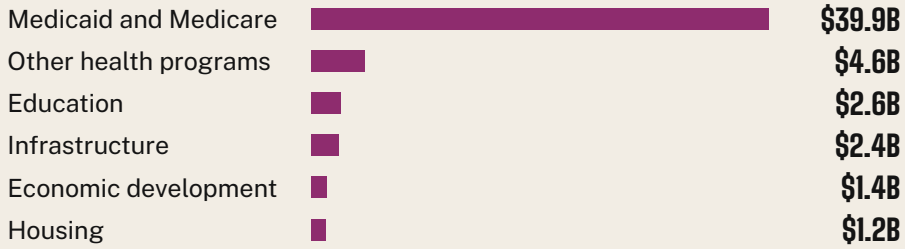
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR ARIZONA

$50.7 billion

of federal spending guided by census data went to Arizona in fiscal year 2023, through 371 programs. That is the 14th largest of 50 states and DC.

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Arizona's residents could shift about **$507 million a year** until the next census. The real effect varies by program and by who is missed. Some programs count in more than one category. **SOURCES:** Sean Moulton and Janice Luong, "Census Matters: Why an Accurate Count Is Essential to Funding Our Communities" (POGO, Oct. 28, 2025) and its Arizona fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT ARIZONA TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

2,208 comments came from Arizona. **97% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

2,208
COMMENTS
17th most of 50 states and DC

97%
OPPOSED THE RULE
2,142 comments opposed; 64 supported

29
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
24th highest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

321
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES ARIZONA COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Arizona All comments that name a state



HOW TO READ THESE NUMBERS

Every published comment counts once, including each copy of a form letter. Position is inferred from each comment by the comment analysis. State is inferred from the comment text and is subject to error. About 62% of all 148,532 comments name a state, so state totals undercount. Most comments that support the rule (85%) name no state, so Arizona is compared with all comments that name a state. The government and organization lists on page 2 are a sample, not everyone who commented; each was checked by reading the comment. Quotes are exact; individuals are described as they describe themselves.

A SAMPLE OF ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

23 Arizona governments and officials sent opposing comments, including the attorney general: 2 state agencies and officials, 10 tribal nations, 1 association of local governments, and 9 local governments and regional agencies. Some of them:

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Signed multistate letters opposing the rule (Nov. 2)

STATE
Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity (state demographer)
Arizona state representative (District 12)

TRIBAL NATIONS
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Havasupai Tribe
Hopi Tribe (consultation request, unsigned)
Inter Tribal Association of Arizona
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
Navajo Nation
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Tohono O'odham Nation
Yavapai-Apache Nation

ASSOCIATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
League of Arizona Cities and Towns

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES
City of Avondale (mayor)
City of Flagstaff
City of Glendale
City of Mesa
Florence town council member (form letter)
MetroPlan, Flagstaff region planning organization
Pima County (county administrator)
Town of Florence (interim town manager)

A SAMPLE OF ARIZONA ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

AZAging
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
One Arizona
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona
Fuerte Arts Movement
Arizona Community Foundation
Tempe Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
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IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM ARIZONA

> *"For far too long, the federal government has attempted to forget that we exist."*

Havasupai Tribe
remote tribe located deep within the Grand Canyon · Comment 146415

> *"Pima County administers federal funds for programs that rely on census counts, totaling approximately $100,000,000 annually."*

Pima County, county administrator
runs public health, safety, and transportation programs · Comment 134033

> *"It will undercount our people on tribal lands and distort the numbers used for funding, services, and representation."*

Hopi–Navajo Marine veteran elder in Window Rock
writing as an individual · Comment 21653

> *"Where I live, people rely on post offices to get their mail, etc., because our streets are not in any database."*

Indigenous resident of Northern Arizona
writing as an individual · Comment 143324

> *"An undercount in 2030 would significantly reduce the City's revenue for decades."*

City of Glendale
state shared revenue and sales tax tied to census counts · Comment 125896

> *"When people are afraid to respond, entire communities risk being undercounted, making it harder to plan for the needs of children and families."*

Mexican American child of immigrant parents
an older brother; writing as an individual · Comment 103880

> *"My community depends on census data for Peoria Unified School District's Title I funding and Valleywise Hospital's Medicaid reimbursements."*

Peoria resident in Maricopa County
writing as an individual · Comment 36834

> *"A 13-week winter window is not a measure of where someone usually lives."*

Arizona resident
writing as an individual · Comment 79466

Sources: public comments on docket USBC-2026-0628 at regulations.gov, as read and labeled by the analysts' comment analysis; position and state are inferred from each comment's text and are subject to error. Federal funding: Project On Government Oversight (POGO), Census Matters, Oct. 28, 2025 (fiscal year 2023 data). Prepared by Hands Off Our Census. Run Nov 23, 2026, 11:19 AM ET.

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