CONNECTICUT

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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

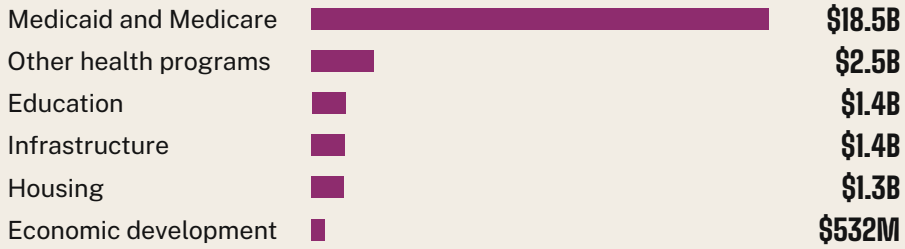
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR CONNECTICUT

$24.9 billion

of federal spending guided by census data went to Connecticut in fiscal year 2023, through 371 programs. That is the 23rd smallest of 50 states and DC.

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Connecticut's residents could shift about **$249 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 Connecticut fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT CONNECTICUT TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

1,150 comments came from Connecticut. **98% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

1,150
COMMENTS
23rd most of 50 states and DC

98%
OPPOSED THE RULE
1,123 comments opposed; 26 supported

31
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
20th highest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

167
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES CONNECTICUT COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Connecticut | 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 Connecticut 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 CONNECTICUT GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Signed multistate letters asking for more time (Sept. 21) and opposing the rule (Nov. 2)

STATE

Connecticut Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health (General Assembly)

Connecticut House Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore

Connecticut Lieutenant Governor

Connecticut Secretary of the State

TRIBAL NATIONS

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES

Farmington Valley Health District

New Fairfield Planning Commissioner

Western Connecticut Council of Governments (18 towns)

A SAMPLE OF CONNECTICUT ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

CTData

Connecticut Hospital Association

AdvanceCT

Partnership for Strong Communities

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM CONNECTICUT

> *"Connecticut hospitals provide care for all of the people who live in their communities regardless of citizenship or immigration status."*
>
> **Connecticut Hospital Association**
> Connecticut hospitals are federally required to conduct community health needs assessments · Comment 132161

> *"Research and our experience with veterans have taught us about racial discrimination in the armed services and the damaging legacy our veterans carry."*
>
> **Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, data analyst**
> provides legal services to veterans · Comment 7350

> *"This would harm Connecticut and my district because nearly half of Bridgeport's residents are Latino and nearly a third are foreign born."*
>
> **Connecticut House Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore**
> Latino elected official; district includes Bridgeport · Comment 20833

> *"My state of Connecticut has already had to replace $2 billion dollars in lost federal funds."*
>
> **Resident of rural North Stonington**
> writing as an individual · Comment 127372

> *"In 2020, the census missed an estimated 2.1% of children under 18 and 5.4% of children under 5, the highest rate of any age group"*
>
> **Pediatricians caring for children across Connecticut**
> joint letter; writing as individuals · Comment 145677

> *"When immigrant communities are undercounted, everyone suffers, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status."*
>
> **Brazilian immigrant living in Hamden**
> writing as an individual · Comment 127320

> *"Consider a lawfully present foreign national who has lived in Connecticut for ten years, has no home elsewhere, works and pays taxes in Connecticut, and has children attending Connecticut schools. That person may have considerably stronger factual ties to Connecticut than a citizen who divides the year among several states."*
>
> **Western Connecticut Council of Governments**
> regional council of 18 towns · Comment 61560

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, 2:49 PM ET.

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