KANSAS

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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

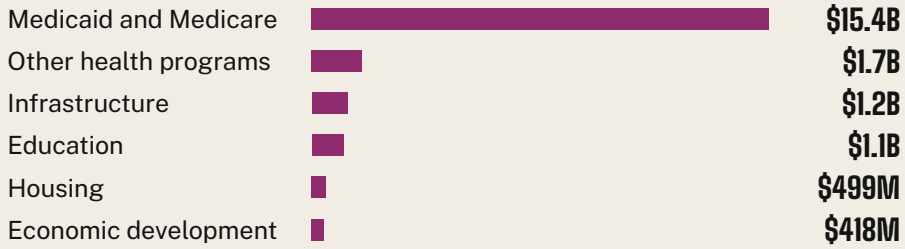
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR KANSAS

$19.7 billion

of federal spending guided by census data went to Kansas in fiscal year 2023, through 371 programs. That is the 19th smallest of 50 states and DC.

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Kansas's residents could shift about **$197 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 Kansas fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT KANSAS TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

776 comments came from Kansas. **94% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

776
COMMENTS
23rd fewest of 50 states and DC

94%
OPPOSED THE RULE
726 comments opposed; 48 supported

26
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
23rd lowest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

135
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES KANSAS COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Kansas 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 Kansas 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 KANSAS GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES

A Johnson County, Kansas mayor (city not named)

City of Lawrence (grant administrator, for the city)

Johnson County (county manager)

A SAMPLE OF KANSAS ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

El Centro

Kansas Action for Children

United Community Services of Johnson County

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM KANSAS

> *"Our residents who hold visas or who arrived as refugees use our roads, enroll their children in our schools, and call our police and fire departments."*
>
> **Mayor of a Johnson County city**
> fully built-out community of 7000 residents · Comment 120051

> *"The January 3rd–April 1st day-count could cause County residents to be counted elsewhere."*
>
> **Johnson County, county manager**
> most populous county in Kansas · Comment 144236

> *"Latino and immigrant families are integral members of our communities. They are parents, children, workers, students, business owners, and neighbors who contribute to the economic and social well-being of Kansas and our nation."*
>
> **El Centro**
> Kansas City, Kansas nonprofit serving about 12,000 a year · Comment 146769

> *"As a regular user of Census data for research, the dramatic changes will eliminate research questions and disrupt proportional representation in this country."*
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> **Economics professor supporting Kansas economic development**
> writing as an individual · Comment 105289

> *"In addition, Lawrence, KS is home to Haskell Indian University and correctly counting native Americans is not only the law but morally important."*
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> **Lawrence resident**
> writing as an individual · Comment 120591

> *"As a Pro Life Catholic, I cannot support a census that only counts some people, not all."*
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> **Pro Life Catholic in Kansas**
> writing as an individual · Comment 39782

> *"My community is actively trying to continue rebuilding and expanding after a devastating tornado nearly 20 years ago. [...] Losing detailed census data would massively impact our ability to pursue such funding."*
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> **Resident of a rural Kansas community**
> writing as an individual · Comment 134315

> *"I am a retired letter carrier in Kansas, and I support an accurate, fair, and non-discriminatory census because without truly accurate measurement, how can government do it's job?"*
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> **Retired letter carrier in Kansas**
> writing as an individual · Comment 36557

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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