MINNESOTA

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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

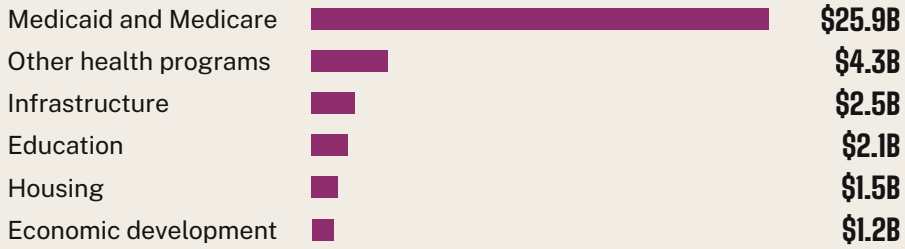
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR MINNESOTA

$36.2 billion

of federal spending guided by census data went to Minnesota in fiscal year 2023, through 371 programs. That is the 21st largest of 50 states and DC.

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Minnesota's residents could shift about **$362 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 Minnesota fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT MINNESOTA TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

2,781 comments came from Minnesota. **97% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

2,781
COMMENTS
11th most of 50 states and DC

97%
OPPOSED THE RULE
2,705 comments opposed; 74 supported

48
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
7th highest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

532
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES MINNESOTA COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Minnesota | 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 Minnesota 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 MINNESOTA GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

30 Minnesota governments and officials sent opposing comments, including the attorney general: 6 state agencies and officials, 5 tribal nations, 2 associations of local governments, and 16 local governments and regional agencies. Some of them:

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

STATE
4 Minnesota state representatives
Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
Minnesota Management and Budget
Minnesota State Demographic Center

TRIBAL NATIONS
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

ASSOCIATIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
Association of Minnesota Counties

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES
A northern Minnesota city councilor (city not named)
A northern Minnesota local agency (name not given)
City of Bloomington (city manager)
City of Edina
City of Minneapolis
City of Rochester (mayor, council president, city administrator)
Dakota County (county manager)
Olmsted County Board of Commissioners
Scott County Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Park City Council
Washington County Board of Commissioners
Wrenshall City Council

A SAMPLE OF MINNESOTA ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

McKnight Foundation
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Wilder Research
Hmong American Partnership
Future of Us
Think Small
Minnesota Medical Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
S.T.A.N.D. Up Minnesota Parents United

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM MINNESOTA

> *"Immigration status does not make residents invisible to schools, health systems, roads, or communities."*

Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
advises the Governor and Legislature on Latino issues · Comment 18951

> *"If I reside in Minnesota 10 months of the year and winter in Arizona for 2 months, my residence should be considered Minnesota."*

Minnesota resident
writing as an individual · Comment 142172

> *"An undercount of seniors living in Olmsted County limits our ability to serve them and project the resources this population needs to age successfully and maintain health in our community."*

Olmsted County Board of Commissioners
still serves uncounted residents, with fewer funds · Comment 120430

> *"I believe college students should be counted where they actually live while attending college."*

College student in Minnesota whose parents live in Texas
writing as an individual · Comment 48419

> *"These families are not abstractions in a dataset — they are our students, our neighbors, and members of our school communities."*

Education leader with Saint Paul Public Schools
former classroom teacher; writing as an individual · Comment 108053

> *"Planning for housing, roads, utilities, public safety, and schools depends on knowing how many people live here, regardless of citizenship and immigration status."*

City of Edina
suburban city of about 53,000 residents · Comment 146571

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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