MISSOURI

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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

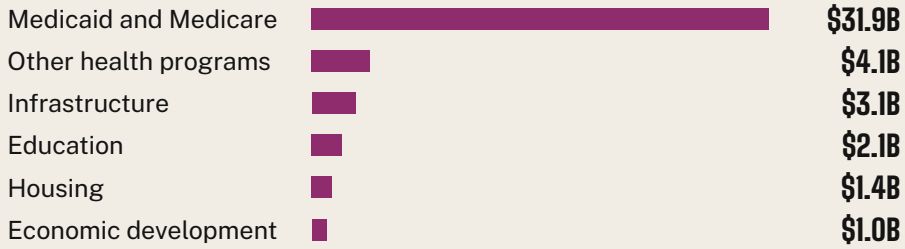
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR MISSOURI

$42.5 billion

of federal spending guided by census data went to Missouri in fiscal year 2023, through 371 programs. That is the 18th largest of 50 states and DC.

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Missouri's residents could shift about **$425 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 Missouri fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT MISSOURI TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

1,728 comments came from Missouri. **96% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

1,728
COMMENTS
20th most of 50 states and DC

96%
OPPOSED THE RULE
1,655 comments opposed; 72 supported

28
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
25th lowest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

304
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES MISSOURI COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Missouri | 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 Missouri 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 MISSOURI GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES

East-West Gateway Council of Governments (St. Louis region)

Mid-America Regional Council (Kansas City region)

A SAMPLE OF MISSOURI ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
Missouri Public Health Institute
League of Women Voters of Kansas City
Practical POCUS LLC

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM MISSOURI

> *"Accurate population data are therefore important not only for planning, but also for aligning federal resources with the populations and communities those programs serve."*
>
> **Mid-America Regional Council (Kansas City region)**
> Local-government association for the bistate KC region · Comment 125985

> *"Missouri is estimated to lose about $1,300 in federal funding per year for every person not counted, or about $13,000 over a decade."*
>
> **Missouri resident**
> writing as an individual · Comment 125661

> *"It is important to know about immigrants, asylees, refugees, and visa-holders as there are many who work in construction."*
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> **Works on construction-worker health in greater St. Louis**
> writing as an individual · Comment 18727

> *"Changes to counting where people live, especially for people like my college aged children, can have dramatic impacts on public services."*
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> **Parent of college-aged children**
> writing as an individual · Comment 97461

> *"The proposed rule would rely on tax records and administrative data in ways that are untested for this purpose and that fit poorly with how many working families, students, and entrepreneurs live and file."*
>
> **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**
> Publishes the Kauffman Indicators of Entrepreneurship · Comment 132853

> *"A difference that appears relatively minor at the national or state level can be significant in a community of only a few hundred residents."*
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> **Grant writer serving rural Southeast Missouri**
> writing as an individual; serves communities of about 300 people · Comment 18767

> *"I am also a librarian who has worked with census information for over 20 years; I know that not counting everyone will produce an unreliable and unusable dataset."*
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> **Missouri librarian who has worked with census data 20+ years**
> writing as an individual · Comment 145555

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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