NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2026

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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

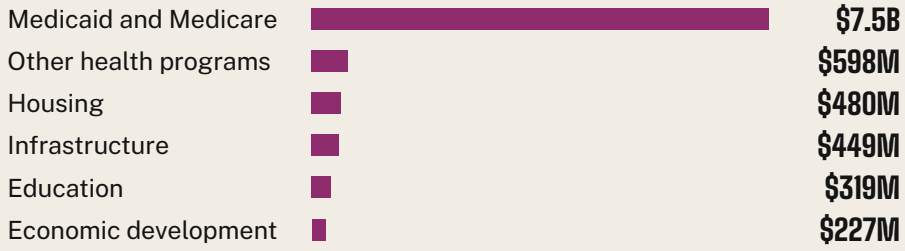
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

$9.4 billion

of federal spending guided by census data went to New Hampshire in fiscal year 2023, through 371 programs. That is the 10th smallest of 50 states and DC.

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of New Hampshire's residents could shift about **$94 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 New Hampshire fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT NEW HAMPSHIRE TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

705 comments came from New Hampshire. **98% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

705
COMMENTS
21st fewest of 50 states and DC

98%
OPPOSED THE RULE
688 comments opposed; 17 supported

50
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
5th highest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

101
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire 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 NEW HAMPSHIRE ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

New Hampshire Women's Foundation
Granite State Organizing Project
New Hampshire Center for Justice & Equity
New Hampshire Youth Movement

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

> *"Importantly, undercounts do not remove people from New Hampshire communities; instead, undercounts reduce the amount of resources communities receive through government assistance programs."*

New Hampshire Center for Justice & Equity
works to empower people of color in New Hampshire · Comment 81040

> *"Excluding any group of people — in this case immigrants — from the Census harms everyone: it makes it harder for government and service providers to meet community needs."*

Granite State Organizing Project
New Hampshire's largest faith-based organizing group · Comment 79490

> *"I live in New Hampshire and we have a large number of retirees who are often not here for parts of the winter. They are taxpayers and residents of the state who should rightfully and Constitutionally be counted in the Census as living in New Hampshire."*

New Hampshire resident
writing as an individual · Comment 86771

> *"Section 60.2(a) leans on tax records, but New Hampshire has no broad income tax, and many students and retirees file no return."*

New Hampshire resident
focused on data for the 2031 maps; writing as an individual · Comment 138485

> *"As a former town government employee, I find the proposed changes alarming, to say the least. The census is the basis for so many decisions made by small towns and at the state and federal level."*

Former town government employee in Colebrook
writing as an individual · Comment 147846

> *"Failing to represent our communities accurately in data can result in meaningful underinvestment in the development and education of our youth and stunting growth of American businesses."*

PhD candidate and researcher in labor economics and urban development
writing as an individual · Comment 60640

> *"At a time when AI is gathering info by the gigabytes on all of us, why in the world would the census want to cut back on the info it gathers? Federal services include all those living in an area, from roads to wastewater treatment and nutrition."*

Manchester resident
writing as an individual · Comment 123181

> *"Having race and ethnicity questions on the census allows us to see the communities and neighborhoods that fall through the cracks."*

Family physician, 30 years at community health centers
writing as an individual · Comment 13307

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, 3:36 PM ET.

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