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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

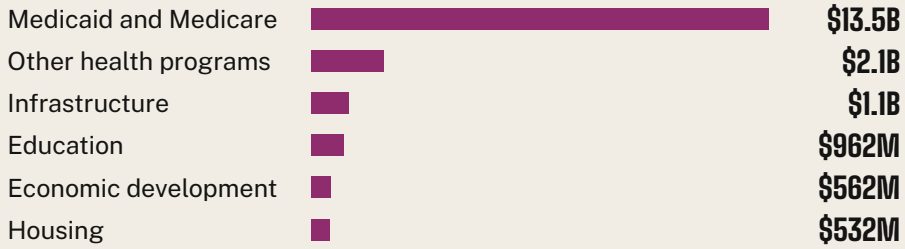
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR NEVADA

$18.4 billion

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

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Nevada's residents could shift about **$184 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 Nevada fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT NEVADA TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

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

662
COMMENTS
20th fewest of 50 states and DC

98%
OPPOSED THE RULE
650 comments opposed; 12 supported

20
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
15th lowest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

95
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES NEVADA COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Nevada | 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 Nevada 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 NEVADA GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

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

TRIBAL NATIONS
Moapa Band of Paiutes

A SAMPLE OF NEVADA ORGANIZATIONS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

Children's Advocacy Alliance of Nevada

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM NEVADA

> *"While administrative records can supplement census operations, they should not replace direct self-identification by respondents. Many Tribal members reside in rural or remote areas where administrative datasets may be incomplete, inconsistent, or outdated."*
>
> **Moapa Band of Paiutes**
> federally recognized Tribal Nation · Comment 20773

> *"The proposed rules destroy any comparability between decades and recklessly throws away vital data for states to produce their own estimates."*
>
> **Former Nevada State Demographer (2000–2021)**
> writing as an individual · Comment 146638

> *"Tax data fails to measure where children physically live, leading to overcrowded classrooms and underfunded schools."*
>
> **Nevada resident**
> writing as an individual · Comment 86190

> *"Accurate racial and ethnic data can help identify health disparities and provide a clearer understanding of the children and families who may need additional support."*
>
> **Children's Advocacy Alliance of Nevada**
> community-based nonprofit for children and families · Comment 79870

> *"I help to build programs and apply for funding to serve Native Americans citizens n urban communities and rely heavily on the race and ethnicity data of American Indian Alone and In Combination."*
>
> **Clark County resident of 40 years, Tribal citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and civic engagement advocate**
> writing as an individual · Comment 139016

> *"A person should not disappear as an American Indian simply because a form or a computer system uses a broader label."*
>
> **Grandparent and community member in Nevada**
> writing as an individual · Comment 132181

> *"We've also had foreign students living with us in the past who deserved to be counted in populations but held student visas."*
>
> **Visiting artist and grant writer in Reno**
> writing as an individual · Comment 60759

> *"Leaving out immigrant neighbors who live, work, and pay taxes here would undercount the very communities driving Nevadas growth."*
>
> **One APIA Nevada**
> organizes with 450,000+ AANHPI Nevadans · Comment 106634

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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