WYOMING

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 Demographic data could not be published if privacy protection would add any uncertainty to state or national counts (§ 70.3).

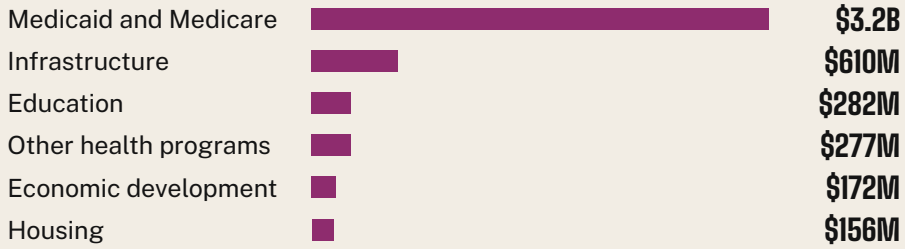
What it would mean: less accurate, less usable census data across the country.

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR WYOMING

$4.7 billion

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

WHERE THAT MONEY WENT



POGO's rough rule of thumb: missing 1% of Wyoming's residents could shift about **$47 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 Wyoming fact sheet; Janice Luong and Sean Moulton, "How to Use POGO's Census Funding Data" (POGO, Mar. 19, 2026).

WHAT WYOMING TOLD THE CENSUS BUREAU

194 comments came from Wyoming. **91% opposed the rule**. Of all comments that name a state, 97% opposed; of all comments, 88%.

194
COMMENTS
4th fewest of 50 states and DC

91%
OPPOSED THE RULE
177 comments opposed; 17 supported

33
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
18th highest of 50 states and DC; the median is 28

30
ASKED FOR MORE TIME
to comment on the rule

ISSUES WYOMING COMMENTERS RAISED MOST

Share of comments raising each issue. Wyoming 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 Wyoming 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 WYOMING GOVERNMENTS AND OFFICIALS WITH OPPOSING COMMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL AGENCIES
Sublette County Board of County Commissioners

IN THEIR WORDS: OPPOSING COMMENTS FROM WYOMING

> *"Getting rid of such information might, instead, make it impossible for communities of a few thousand people in places like Wyoming to meet the needs of their citizens."*
>
> **Former census enumerator in Jackson Hole**
> worked the 2000 census; writing as an individual · Comment 132265

> *"this rule should be rejected because the Census is not a partisan issue. Its purpose is to accurately count ALL the people in the US, legal, non-legal, adults and minors."*
>
> **Laramie resident**
> writing as an individual · Comment 112741

> *"In a county with fewer than 9,000 residents, relatively small demographic groups may already be difficult to measure accurately through sample-based surveys."*
>
> **Sublette County Board of County Commissioners**
> rural western Wyoming; fewer than 9,000 residents · Comment 63138

> *"Wyoming's communities include ranch and farm families, energy-industry workers who move between job sites and temporary housing, seniors living on fixed incomes, and the people of the Wind River Reservation."*
>
> **Gillette resident who filed a detailed legal comment**
> writing as a private citizen · Comment 34017

> *"The Census Bureau itself recognizes the importance of race data for civil rights protections, legislative redistricting, equal employment opportunities, and identifying disparities."*
>
> **Sheridan resident**
> writing as an individual · Comment 7925

> *"It is vitally important to cities, counties, and states to know the REAL count of people. Leaving any group out endangers all."*
>
> **Cheyenne resident**
> writing as an individual · Comment 29827

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, 3:27 PM ET.

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