

Constitution Day

Read the text below with your class.

Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct.

1. Choose three items on the list in **Activity Item: Uses of Census Bureau Data** and explain how census data might affect the funding for those programs.

2. Looking at the same three areas you chose in Question #1, why is it important that we have an accurate count of the population to inform decisions about funding for these different programs?

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Activity Item: Uses of Census Bureau Data

Program Name	What It Does	Fiscal 2021 Funds
Highway Planning and Construction	Helps state departments of transportation plan, build, and repair national highways	\$60,451,795,865
National School Lunch Program	Provides reduced-price or free lunches to children each day at school	\$27,104,136,942
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Helps families until they can become self-sufficient	\$18,117,088,073
Special Education Grants to States	Provides grants to help cover the cost of special education and education for students with disabilities	\$15,539,803,303
Head Start	Promotes school readiness for children under 5 in low-income families	\$11,938,353,035
Children's Health Insurance Program	Provides health coverage to eligible children	\$18,166,407,569
Unemployment Insurance	Provides temporary financial assistance for people who are unemployed through no fault of their own	\$8,867,601,955
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (formerly	Ensures that all students are taught by qualified teachers, principals, etc.	\$2,111,040,954
Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants	Funds things like railways, streetcars, and buses	\$3,880,102,852
Rural Rental Assistance Payments	Reduces rent paid by low-income families who live in Rural Rental Housing or Farm Labor Housing	\$861,893,611

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Uses of Census Bureau Data in Federal Funds Distribution](https://www2.census.gov/library/working-papers/2023/decennial/census-data-federal-funds-fy-2021.pdf)

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