

50 Uses for Census Data

1. Reapportioning 435 seats in the U. S. House of Representatives
2. Distributing over \$300 billion in federal funds
3. Distributing state funds
4. Understanding consumer needs
5. Locating factory sites and distribution
6. Planning for religious congregations
7. Forecasting future transportation needs and improving commuting patterns
8. Forecasting future housing needs
9. Directing funds for services among impoverished populations
10. Designing public safety strategies
11. Planning rural development
12. Planning urban development
13. Creating public and private sector surveys
14. Analyzing local trends
15. Conducting land use planning
16. Aiding in rescue and recovery of disaster victims
17. Developing assistance programs
18. Identifying areas that need energy assistance
19. Conducting environmental research
20. Conducting genealogical research (after year 2072)
21. Creating maps for 911 and other emergency response system
22. Planning for hospitals, nursing homes and other health services
23. Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans
24. Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the aged and children
25. Selecting sites for retail stores and new plants
26. Conducting historical search
27. Attracting new businesses to state and local areas
28. Spotting trends in the economic status of the Nation
29. Conducting investment and financial planning
30. Publishing economic and statistical reports in the U.S.
31. Conducting scientific research
32. Developing planning maps for government and business
33. Providing proof of age, relationship or residence
34. Conducting medical research
35. Conducting media planning and research
36. Serving as evidence in litigation involving land, voting rights and equal opportunity
37. Drawing school district boundaries
38. Planning for public transportation services
39. Planning health and educational programs for people with disabilities
40. Establishing fair rents and fair lending practices
41. Providing services to non-English-speaking children and adults
42. Understanding the labor supply
43. Assessing the potential spread of communicable diseases
44. Decision making and budget planning for national oil levels
45. Analyzing military personnel
46. Estimating numbers of people displaced by natural disaster
47. Making business decisions
48. Delivering goods and services to local markets
49. Drawing federal, state and local legislative districts
50. Evaluating programs and trends in different geographical areas