BENEFITS OF THE CENSUS BUREAU’S AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY TO THE STATE OF IOWA

Source:


General:

- In FY2008, 184 federal domestic assistance programs distributed $416 billion (29 percent of all federal assistance) based on data derived directly or indirectly from the ACS. ACS data guided $389.2 billion (69 percent of all federal grants) that year.

- The ACS facilitates the distribution of federal assistance largely by serving as the basis for six other federal datasets. Most important of these are the Bureau of Economic Analysis’ per capita income series and the Census Bureau’s annual population estimates. The ACS itself is directly used to guide the distribution of about a fifth of the $416 billion in assistance.

Iowa:

- In FY2008, Iowa received more than $3.5 billion ($3,540,375,859), or $1,179 per capita, in federal assistance (grants, direct payments, and loans) based on data derived directly or indirectly from the ACS.

- The largest functional categories of such assistance were Health (51.2%, or $1.8 billion); Transportation (13.4%, or $475.6 million); Community and Regional Development (11.2%, or $397.2 million); and Income Security (9.7%, or $342.6 million).

- Polk County received $768,072,463, or $1,808 per capita, in federal program funds based on ACS-related data in FY2008, making it the 35th largest county recipient in the U.S. of such aid per capita that year.

- The Des Moines-West Des Moines Metro Area received $829,004,875, or $1,490 per capita, in federal program funds based on ACS-related data in FY2008, making it the 27th largest recipient of such aid among all metro areas in the U.S. that year. The Omaha-Council Bluffs (NE/IA) Metro Area received $1,147,778,624, or $1,370 per capita, in federal program funds based on ACS-related data that year.
Decennial Census:

- In FY2008, 215 federal domestic assistance programs distributed $446.7 billion (31 percent of all federal assistance) based on data derived directly or indirectly from the decennial census. Census-data accounted for $419.8 billion (75 percent of all federal grants) that year.

- In FY2008, Iowa received more than $3.8 billion ($3,805,998,939), or $1,268 per capita, in federal assistance (grants, direct payments, and loans) based on data derived directly or indirectly from the decennial census.

http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports/2010/03/09-census-dollars