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Census-Guided Financial Assistance To Rural America

The Counting for Dollars program aims to understand:

- the extent to which domestic financial assistance programs will rely on data from the 2020 Census to distribute federal monies to state, localities and households across the nation, and
- the impact of the accuracy of the 2020 Census on the geographic distribution of federal funds.

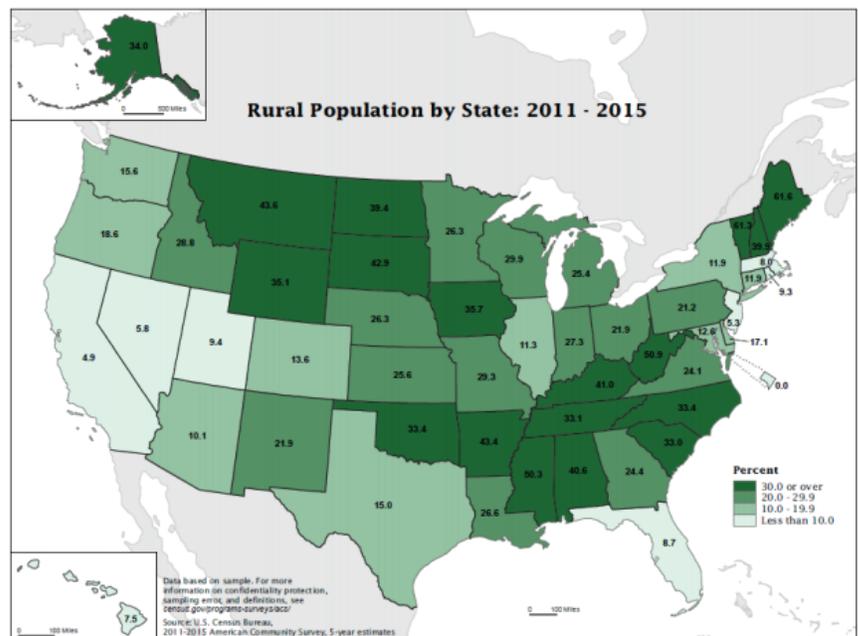
In August 2017, the project's [first report](#) described the annual state-by-state distribution of \$590 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 spending from 16 large federal assistance programs ranging from health care and education to housing and Head Start, among others. A [follow-on report](#) measured the fiscal costs of a decennial undercount on state treasuries for six U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the largest being Medicaid) on the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to guide funding. For FY 2015, the project reported \$286 billion in annual FMAP reimbursements to and payments from state governments.

In total, the ongoing project has now identified more than 320 annual census-guided financial assistance program within the federal government that totaled \$850 billion in FY 2016.

While Rural America receives funding from many programs that serve both rural and urban areas (such as Medicaid, highway funding, and education grants), this report identifies major federal programs that are targeted to rural areas.

In sum, major rural targeted programs that are guided by census data total about \$30 billion a year. This report details six large U.S. Department of Agriculture rural assistance programs, state-by-state, that distribute more than \$25 billion each year to states, localities and households in Rural America:

- low to moderate income housing loans
- rural electrification loans and loan guarantees
- water and waste disposal systems for rural communities
- rural rental assistance programs



- business and industry loans
- the cooperative extension service

A more detailed report on Rural America Assistance Programs guided by Census numbers will be forthcoming by George Washington's Institute of Public Policy in September, 2018.

Expenditures of Six Rural Assistance Programs, by State, FY2016

States	% Rural			Programs						Six-Program Total
	Popula- tion	Rank	Land Area	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans (10.410)	Rural Electrification Loans & Loan Guarantees (10.850)	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities (10.760)	Rural Rental Assistance Payments (10.427)	Business and Industry Loans (10.768)	Cooperative Extension Service (10.500)	
Alabama	41.0%	9	95.6%	\$435,108,296	\$111,161,000	\$23,568,371	\$36,851,627	\$18,597,000	\$17,919,631	\$643,205,925
Alaska	34.0%	14	100.0%	\$112,014,712	\$16,462,000	\$37,246,303	\$6,793,849	\$19,430,000	\$2,052,057	\$193,998,921
Arizona	10.2%	42	98.1%	\$234,385,031	\$39,135,000	\$5,810,000	\$18,328,754	\$25,695,000	\$4,008,024	\$327,361,809
Arkansas	43.8%	6	97.9%	\$384,157,930	\$21,692,000	\$31,542,488	\$26,379,177	\$2,499,000	\$12,286,135	\$478,556,730
California	5.1%	50	94.7%	\$512,261,295	\$23,826,000	\$9,305,900	\$108,032,705	\$35,379,000	\$10,269,362	\$699,074,262
Colorado	13.9%	37	98.5%	\$243,896,069	\$395,866,000	\$4,713,000	\$15,606,894	\$37,691,000	\$4,627,804	\$702,400,767
Connecticut	12.0%	40	62.3%	\$108,242,639	\$0	\$20,962,000	\$8,724,349	\$2,224,000	\$2,955,944	\$143,108,932
Delaware	16.7%	34	79.1%	\$131,474,188	\$0	\$10,125,000	\$8,061,135	\$1,856,000	\$5,396,564	\$156,912,887
District of Columbia	0.0%	51	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,330,170	\$1,330,170
Florida	8.8%	45	86.2%	\$608,013,181	\$89,004,000	\$28,117,320	\$67,680,847	\$102,991,000	\$11,380,343	\$907,186,691
Georgia	24.9%	28	91.7%	\$548,932,461	\$740,469,000	\$45,239,000	\$37,076,211	\$47,457,000	\$16,766,228	\$1,435,939,900
Hawaii	8.1%	46	93.9%	\$182,283,030	\$0	\$16,022,232	\$10,974,656	\$6,486,000	\$1,782,215	\$217,548,133
Idaho	29.4%	21	99.4%	\$171,424,210	\$0	\$25,803,107	\$19,218,044	\$40,138,000	\$3,632,748	\$260,216,109
Illinois	11.5%	41	92.9%	\$309,755,034	\$0	\$73,132,300	\$29,827,867	\$432,000	\$12,157,605	\$425,304,806
Indiana	27.6%	22	93.0%	\$572,929,900	\$20,732,000	\$85,042,100	\$22,801,371	\$10,498,000	\$12,108,563	\$724,111,934
Iowa	36.0%	12	98.3%	\$213,545,990	\$80,225,000	\$48,122,000	\$27,775,283	\$46,278,000	\$10,634,540	\$426,580,813
Kansas	25.8%	26	98.8%	\$124,715,928	\$53,818,000	\$14,919,000	\$13,273,592	\$14,997,000	\$9,829,440	\$231,552,960
Kentucky	41.6%	8	96.4%	\$466,716,929	\$334,815,000	\$40,714,000	\$26,275,377	\$18,064,000	\$15,907,820	\$902,493,126
Louisiana	26.8%	24	95.4%	\$616,987,026	\$0	\$34,811,664	\$46,649,945	\$68,627,000	\$10,864,490	\$777,940,125
Maine	61.3%	1	98.8%	\$266,728,827	\$0	\$29,119,000	\$39,012,468	\$4,880,000	\$3,304,179	\$343,044,474
Maryland	12.8%	38	79.4%	\$444,985,128	\$0	\$14,431,000	\$18,789,398	\$430,000	\$6,295,082	\$484,930,608
Massachusetts	8.0%	47	61.7%	\$163,310,984	\$0	\$11,900,863	\$12,584,769	\$0	\$3,829,442	\$191,626,058
Michigan	25.4%	27	93.6%	\$667,887,608	\$47,652,000	\$64,744,000	\$36,440,499	\$31,965,000	\$13,449,830	\$862,138,937
Minnesota	26.7%	25	97.9%	\$475,752,332	\$78,631,000	\$46,764,884	\$22,747,230	\$27,483,000	\$13,627,154	\$665,005,600
Mississippi	50.7%	4	97.6%	\$363,885,442	\$138,676,000	\$46,818,559	\$52,413,632	\$12,248,000	\$13,165,497	\$627,207,130
Missouri	29.6%	20	97.0%	\$586,342,341	\$83,277,759	\$49,054,710	\$26,658,886	\$46,533,000	\$16,919,473	\$808,786,169
Montana	44.1%	5	99.8%	\$164,810,948	\$15,606,000	\$47,063,800	\$8,409,590	\$10,500,000	\$5,173,200	\$251,563,538
Nebraska	26.9%	23	99.3%	\$99,395,630	\$0	\$13,545,100	\$8,413,614	\$31,223,000	\$6,783,433	\$159,360,777
Nevada	5.8%	48	99.3%	\$115,519,804	\$0	\$20,567,589	\$10,766,261	\$27,990,000	\$1,856,403	\$176,700,057
New Hampshire	39.7%	11	92.8%	\$130,616,190	\$0	\$10,186,418	\$14,488,592	\$5,000,000	\$2,146,012	\$162,437,212
New Jersey	5.3%	49	60.3%	\$120,154,190	\$0	\$17,202,000	\$12,184,584	\$0	\$4,048,850	\$153,589,624
New Mexico	22.6%	30	99.3%	\$46,350,437	\$0	\$1,942,000	\$18,504,354	\$14,123,000	\$3,357,238	\$84,277,029
New York	12.1%	39	91.3%	\$214,100,490	\$0	\$27,407,230	\$32,075,984	\$18,613,000	\$14,463,963	\$306,660,667
North Carolina	33.9%	15	90.5%	\$887,731,855	\$277,600,000	\$52,014,800	\$87,950,922	\$41,927,000	\$22,579,619	\$1,369,804,196
North Dakota	40.1%	10	99.7%	\$50,109,952	\$65,975,000	\$15,339,320	\$6,937,457	\$18,088,000	\$4,829,855	\$161,279,584
Ohio	22.1%	31	89.2%	\$516,562,039	\$53,600,000	\$53,029,500	\$30,971,857	\$44,707,000	\$18,566,953	\$717,437,349
Oklahoma	33.8%	16	98.1%	\$248,818,239	\$41,207,000	\$36,202,125	\$22,317,611	\$29,400,000	\$11,182,915	\$389,127,890
Oregon	19.0%	33	98.9%	\$376,461,086	\$0	\$16,551,707	\$28,022,225	\$86,287,000	\$4,795,544	\$512,117,562
Pennsylvania	21.3%	32	89.5%	\$610,322,282	\$18,000,000	\$54,938,900	\$33,889,200	\$26,410,000	\$17,167,885	\$760,728,267
Rhode Island	9.3%	44	61.3%	\$23,004,324	\$0	\$8,089,000	\$3,569,557	\$0	\$1,701,595	\$36,364,476
South Carolina	33.7%	17	92.1%	\$506,496,548	\$302,421,000	\$73,616,300	\$38,247,800	\$47,279,000	\$7,577,008	\$975,637,656
South Dakota	43.4%	7	99.7%	\$160,044,687	\$95,109,000	\$16,340,000	\$16,441,467	\$50,897,000	\$4,783,752	\$343,615,906
Tennessee	33.6%	18	93.0%	\$824,129,062	\$17,000,000	\$35,351,979	\$33,291,146	\$20,642,000	\$16,701,163	\$947,115,350
Texas	15.3%	36	96.7%	\$649,059,465	\$90,480,000	\$83,940,100	\$59,375,232	\$48,356,000	\$26,246,745	\$957,457,542
Utah	9.4%	43	98.9%	\$371,351,996	\$0	\$9,048,346	\$9,137,509	\$23,741,000	\$3,143,707	\$416,422,558
Vermont	61.1%	2	98.3%	\$75,986,637	\$0	\$18,557,004	\$11,110,509	\$12,000,000	\$2,399,454	\$120,053,604
Virginia	24.6%	29	93.3%	\$587,360,809	\$445,462,000	\$50,954,000	\$32,692,454	\$46,492,000	\$13,597,841	\$1,176,559,104
Washington	16.0%	35	96.4%	\$446,692,303	\$30,782,000	\$15,081,100	\$35,857,764	\$20,180,000	\$6,812,636	\$555,405,803
West Virginia	51.3%	3	97.3%	\$229,696,497	\$0	\$29,892,248	\$16,840,276	\$6,340,000	\$9,191,218	\$291,960,239
Wisconsin	29.9%	19	96.5%	\$329,658,598	\$94,000,000	\$57,199,095	\$17,410,595	\$16,942,000	\$10,947,369	\$526,157,657
Wyoming	35.2%	13	99.8%	\$174,790,775	\$0	\$6,299,000	\$6,091,574	\$109,000	\$2,224,339	\$189,514,688
Totals				\$16,904,961,354	\$3,822,683,759	\$1,588,387,462	\$1,333,976,699	\$1,270,124,000	\$458,779,037	\$25,378,912,310