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## **Census Project Shocked By President's 2020 Census Budget Request**

The President's Budget request of \$7.2 billion is a shockingly low amount for the whole Census Bureau given that it is substantially less than what Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said the Bureau needs in FY2020 (as part of the administration's revised cost estimate). His fall 2017 estimate was \$7.4 billion for the Decennial alone, not to mention the 100 plus other economic and household surveys the Census Bureau oversees. The Administration's request suggests a lack of commitment to a successful 2020 Census.

The Census Project coalition estimates that this likely falls more than a billion dollars short of what the Census Bureau needs in 2020.

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*The Census Project (<https://thecensusproject.org>) is a broad-based coalition of national, state, and local organizations that support an inclusive and accurate 2020 Census and American Community Survey (ACS) (the modern version of the census "long form"). Its member organizations, representing the private, public, non-profit, and academic sectors, rely on objective data that the Census Bureau produces to inform evidence-based investment, policy and planning decisions.*