

How Census Bureau Statistics Can Help You

The U.S. Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people, places and economy. It is the largest statistical agency of the federal government. Its work has expanded commensurate with the nation's population and economy, keeping pace with the demand for current facts and figures. Activities involve survey and questionnaire design, geographic infrastructure updates, data collection, processing and dissemination. The Census Bureau's many programs include censuses, surveys, estimates and projections that provide demographic, social, economic and housing statistics at the national, state, congressional district, and local levels. These are invaluable planning tools for citizens, businesses and lawmakers.

Census Bureau statistics provide answers to questions such as:

- What is the median income of your district?
- How many veterans are in your district?
- What is the housing vacancy rate of your district?
- What are the largest industries and occupations in your district or state?

How Census Bureau Statistics can be a Resource for Lawmakers

- **Speeches:** Census Bureau statistical information can be used in floor speeches on legislation under consideration or topics of interest to your constituents.
- **Committee reports:** Census Bureau statistics have current and historical data that can be useful in trend analysis.
- **Newsletters:** Census Bureau statistics provide important local and national information on issues highlighted in your newsletters.
- **Meetings with constituents/organizations:** Census Bureau statistics can provide summary statistics on your district and the nation for quick reference.
- **Website:** Census Bureau statistics can be used to educate constituents and other visitors to your website about important characteristics of your district.

Visit www.census.gov and click on American Factfinder to access Census Bureau statistics.



Census Bureau statistics are often cited by lawmakers, but usually from a secondary source. However, census statistics are directly available to lawmakers and their staffs online at the Census Bureau's website and can be invaluable tools for:

- Speeches
- Committee reports
- Newsletters
- Meetings with constituents

Tools you can use:

- Website
- America's Economy mobile app
- American FactFinder
- Easy Stats
- Economic Indicators
- QuickFacts
- Population Finder
- Stat of the Day

For more information, visit www.census.gov