



# Statistics in Schools and the 2020 Census

This is your chance to shape the future of every student for the next 10 years.

## What Is Statistics in Schools?

Statistics in Schools (SIS) is a U.S. Census Bureau program <[www.census.gov/schools](http://www.census.gov/schools)> that uses census statistics to create classroom materials for grades pre-K through 12. Teachers and subject matter experts nationwide helped develop each SIS activity to make sure it is valuable and engaging. The SIS program is available now and includes more than 200 activities and resources in a variety of subjects.

## What's New for 2020?

SIS will have additional materials specifically for the 2020 Census. Available this September for the 2019-2020 school year:

- **67 new activities** for grades pre-K through 12 that have students use data in interactive ways to build skills in subjects like history, math, geography, and English.
- **Large, colorful maps** with fun, census-based facts about the country and its territories, including state-by-state comparisons.
- **A storybook** with activities and a **music video** for children in preschool and early grades.
- **Resources** for English language learners and adult English as a second language students.

## How Does the Use of SIS Impact School Funding?

By using new SIS materials, you can educate students and the adults in their home on the importance of counting everyone in the 2020 Census, especially children. Census responses drive decisions on the annual allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to states and communities, which includes support for school programs and services such as these:

- Special education
- Free and reduced-price lunch
- Class size reduction
- Classroom technology
- Teacher training
- After-school programs
- Head Start



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## Why Should You Get Involved?

By using and promoting the SIS program, you can:

- **Impact** the amount of federal funding received by schools in your community.
- **Influence** student readiness for learning.
- **Enhance** student learning across subjects.
- **Boost** students' statistical literacy and data-finding skills.
- **Prepare** students for a data-driven world.
- **Empower** teachers to easily bolster their existing lesson plans.
- **Motivate** households to complete the 2020 Census form.

Start Shaping the Future of Students Today! Visit the SIS website to access more than 200 free classroom activities, maps, and other resources. Search for activities by subject or grade level, pull up interactive data tools, and find videos that bring data to life.

[CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](https://www.census.gov/schools)

## You Can Be the Difference

As a teacher, principal, superintendent, school board member, or education advocate, you can make a difference for student learning and school-related funding in your district.

- Use SIS activities, including new 2020 materials, and share your experiences with peers.
- Promote the use of SIS in your community's schools by raising teachers' awareness of the program and its value.
- Share information about SIS with your networks to expand its impact to benefit as many schools and students as possible.



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