

## Where Does the Money Go?

The population data from the census is also used to decide how much money each state receives from the federal government for a range of programs. After the census in 2010, New York State received \$73 billion (\$73,000,000,000) for a long list of programs and projects, including the following:

Medicaid and Medicare	Special education
College grants and loans	Housing loans
Food stamps	Home energy assistance
Highways and roads	Unemployment insurance
Section 8 housing vouchers	Child care
Temporary aid for needy families	Adoption and foster care
Children's health insurance	Adult education funding
School breakfast and lunch programs	... and much more!

- 1) Which of the programs above do you think are important? Why?

If a state's population is undercounted, the federal money it receives for the programs above will be lower than it should be. This means that there will be less money in the budget for these programs and people will receive reduced services and benefits.