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## Counting for Dollars 2020

16 Large Federal Assistance Programs that Distribute Funds on Basis of Decennial  
Census-derived Statistics (Fiscal Year 2015)

Mississippi *loss this amount of money*

Total Program Obligations: \$6,143,852,125

Per Capita: \$2,053 (see note on proper use)

CFDA #	Program Name	Dept.	Type	Recipients	Obligations
93.778	Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	HHS	Grants	States	\$2,748,751,949
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	USDA	Direct Pay	Households	\$916,551,543
93.774	Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance) – Physicians Fee Schedule Services	HHS	Direct Pay	Providers	\$593,355,282
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	Grants	States	\$495,457,237
93.767	State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$226,177,000
93.600	Head Start/Early Head Start	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$199,449,831
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	ED	Grants	LEAs	\$189,402,568
10.555	National School Lunch Program	USDA	Grants	States	\$169,323,740
14.871	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$153,589,000
84.027	Special Education Grants (IDEA)	ED	Grants	States	\$118,407,033
14.195	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program (Project-based)	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$106,615,134
10.557	Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	USDA	Grants	States	\$82,965,010
93.527/ 93.224	Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$71,216,716
93.568	Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$27,028,082
93.596	Child Care and Development Fund-Entitlement	HHS	Grants	States	\$23,402,000
93.658	Foster Care (Title IV-E)	HHS	Grants	States	\$22,160,000

### Notes and Findings:

- The Counting for Dollars Project will identify all federal financial assistance programs relying Decennial Census-derived data to guide the geographic distribution of funds.
- As an initial product, the project is publishing tables on the distribution, by state, of FY2015 funds from 16 large Census-guided programs.
- For every program but the National School Lunch Program, the equitable distribution of funds to a state depends on the accurate measurement of its population count and characteristics.
- There is not a straight linear relationship between state population count and federal funds flow. The per capita figure allows cross-state comparisons of fiscal reliance on census-guided programs. *It does not indicate the amount by which federal funding increases for each additional person counted.* (See The Leadership Conference Education Fund, "Counting for Dollars: Why It Matters.")

### Definitions:

- Census-derived statistics – federal datasets that are extensions of or otherwise rely on the Decennial Census (list available on project website)
- Census-guided financial assistance programs – programs that rely on Census-derived statistics to determine program eligibility and/or allocate funds to states and localities
- Per capita – total FY2015 obligations for the 16 programs divided by population as of July 1, 2015 (per the Census Bureau)

### Abbreviations:

- CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
- ED – U.S. Department of Education
- HHS – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- DOT – U.S. Department of Transportation

### Sources:

- USAspending.gov (20.050, 84.010, 84.027, 93.224/93.527, 93.568, 93.600, 93.778)
- President's Budget Request for FY2017 or program agency (10.511, 10.555, 10.557, 14.871, 93.596, 93.658, 93.767)
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (14.195)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, HHS (Physicians Fee Schedule Services of 93.774)

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