



# US CENSUS RESOURCES

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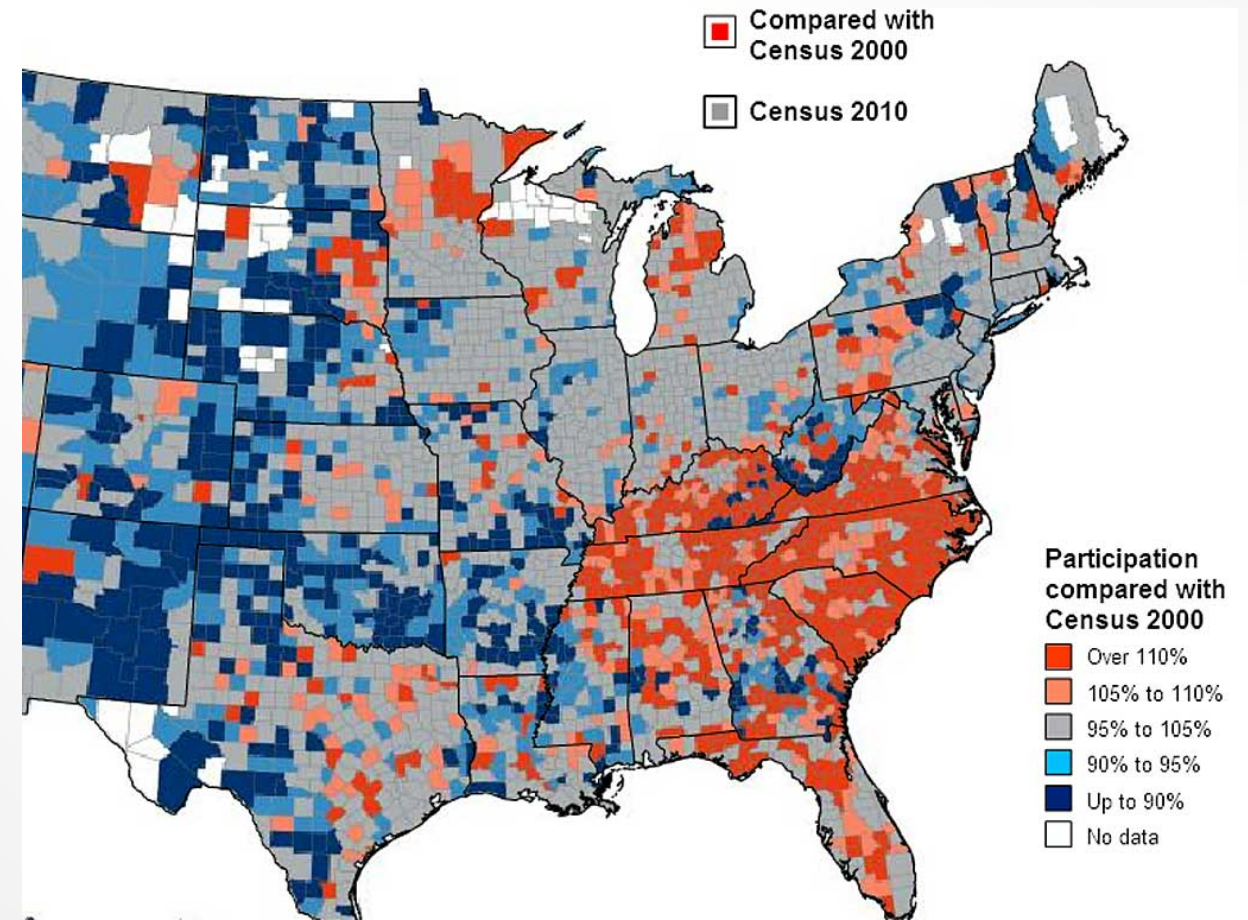
# US CENSUS MISSION

The Census Bureau's *mission* is to serve as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. We honor privacy, protect confidentiality, share our expertise globally, and conduct our work openly.



# TYPES OF DATA

- **Decennial Census of US Population**
  - Every 10 years
- **Economic Census**
  - Every 5 years
- **Census of Governments**
  - Every 5 years
- **American Community Survey**
  - ongoing
- **Economic Indicators**
  - ongoing



# DID YOU KNOW?

**Census data is used in many ways:**

- **To determine the distribution of Congressional seats to states.**
  - Mandated by US Constitution
- **To distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.**
- **To make planning decisions about community services, such as where to:**
  - Provide services for the elderly
  - Build new roads and schools
  - Locate job training centers

# ACCESSING CENSUS DATA

- **American Fact Finder**
  - Community Facts
  - Guided Search
  - Download Data Sets
- **US Census Library**
  - Infographic & Visualization
  - Audio, Video, Photos
  - Publications
- **Training Resources Library**
  - Webinars & Videos
  - E-tutorials
  - FAQ
  - User Guides

