



Count All Kids in 2030: How to Improve Census Accuracy

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Useful Resources

2026 Children's Week, <https://campaignforchildren.org/>

Count All Kids, website with resources on counting young children in the census, <https://CountAllKids.org>

State and County Net Coverage Error Estimates for Children Aged 0 to 4 in the 2020 Census, US Census Bureau, April 2024, <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/net-coverage-error-young-children.html>, provides the undercount of young children by state and county in the 2020 Census

2030 Census: Census Bureau Needs Additional Data to Inform Design Decisions (U.S. GAO) June 4, 2026, <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-26-108848>

Why We Must Count All Kids in 2030, First Focus on Children, June 17, 2026, <https://campaignforchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2026/05/Childrens-Week-2026-Why-We-Must-Count-All-Kids-in-2030-FINAL.pdf>

Children's Budget 2025, First Focus on Children, October 30, 2025, <https://firstfocus.org/resource/childrens-budget-2025/>

Overview: Babies in the Budget 2025, First Focus on Children, December 2025, <https://firstfocus.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Overview-Babies-in-the-Budget-2025-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Census Matters: How the Census Shapes Funding for Children, Project on Government Oversight, June 17, 2026, <https://www.pogo.org/reports/census-matters-how-the-census-shapes-funding-for-children>

Children in US Immigrant Families, Migration Policy Institute, data tool for finding in each state the number of all children and young children with at least one immigrant parent, <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/children-immigrant-families>

Analysis of 2020 Census Net Undercount of Young Hispanic Children by County, Drs. William P. O'Hare and Susana Quiros, February 20, 2025, <https://foramericaschildren.org/analysis-of-2020-census-net-undercount-of-young-hispanic-children-by-county/>

The Invisible Ones: How Latino Children Are Left Out of Our Nation's Census Count, William P. O'Hare, Ph.D., Yeris Mayol-Garcia, Ph.D., candidate Elizabeth Wildsmith, Ph.D., Alicia Torres, Ph.D., April 2016, <https://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2016-16TheInvisibleOnesLatinoCensus.pdf>

Identifying State-Level Predictors of the Net Undercount of Young Hispanic Children in the 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census, Drs. Susana Quiros & William P. O'Hare, 2024, <https://countallkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/IDENTI1.pdf>

LUCA Office Hours, National League of Cities, <https://www.nlc.org/events/luca-office-hours/>

State of Census Resource Index 2026, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1exn9pZQ5yEbz2QL3_VbC9uRyAcdkvEPu/view, Note particularly **Census Testing & Preparations Outlook: 2028 vs. 2018**, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rkYmcl56DUVCpmMSkg2HwE7sbHfNZ-Mp/view> and **Why Congress Can't Freeze or Cut Census Bureau Funding in FY 2027**, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N3-9yncWE8bYZBL-07msbXvldvgJhhIk/view>