



# 10 Ways a **COMPLETE CENSUS COUNT** of Macoupin County will help our Cities, our County and our School Districts.

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Census: April 2010

**1. School District Funding:** The federal government uses population data to allocate funds for Title 1 grants to every school district in Macoupin County. If residents aren't counted, funds for our school districts are lost.

**2. Roads:** Allocation of road funds are based on population in Illinois. If residents aren't counted, funds that we deserve for our streets and roads are sent somewhere else.

**3. Head Start:** Funding for the Head Start Program is based on census data.

**4. WIC Program:** Public Health Department Programs such as WIC and public transportation are determined by census data.

**5. Economic Development:** Data to support the Macoupin County Enterprise Zone and other economic development programs require accurate Census Data. If residents aren't counted, we could lose out on job creation programs and grants.

**6. Police Protection:** Grants such as the COPS grant and homeland security grants rely on data from the census.

**7. Redistricting/Representation:** Accurate population counts are crucial for representation when drawing congressional, state, and local legislative districts following the 2010 Census.

**8. Grants:** The Census is used to distribute over \$300 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds.

**9. Emergency Services:** Accurate census data helps when applying for grants for Fire Departments and ambulance districts and helps to create maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.

**10. How Others See Us:** The Census publishes economic and statistical reports about the United States and its people that are used by businesses when searching for new markets for goods and services.

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