

THE CENSUS & AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN VIRGINIA

An accurate count in Census 2020 paints a better picture of the communities and families served by out-of-school time programs and translates to more resources.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CENSUS?

The 2020 Census aims to count every living person in the US. It's mandated by the Constitution to be taken every 10 years and determines how much federal funding states will get. That money goes towards programs with wide impact like education, healthcare, and transportation for the next 10 years. For example, the funding for a Kindergarten student counted now will follow them until they reach high school!



Using census count data, Virginia receives an average \$2,220 annually per resident. (1)

- Virginia was in the the top 10 states that had the highest number of undercounted children in the 2010 Census.
- Over 1 million children under the age of five weren't counted in the last Census.
- Virginia is a frontrunner state for an additional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives based on population growth. (2)

Virginia's FY 2016 Allocation of Federal Funds guided by Data Derived from the last Census (3)

\$ 1.2 BIL



SNAP

\$242 MIL



School Lunch Program

\$46 MIL



CACFP

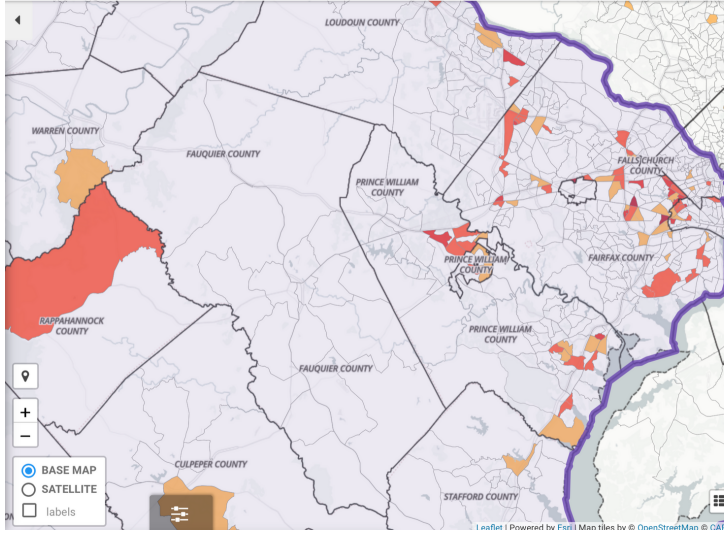
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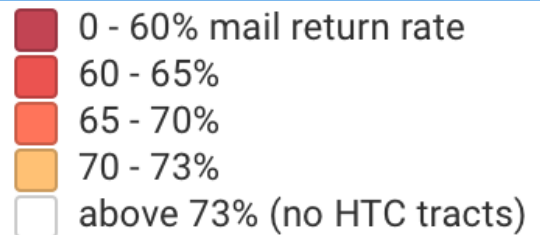
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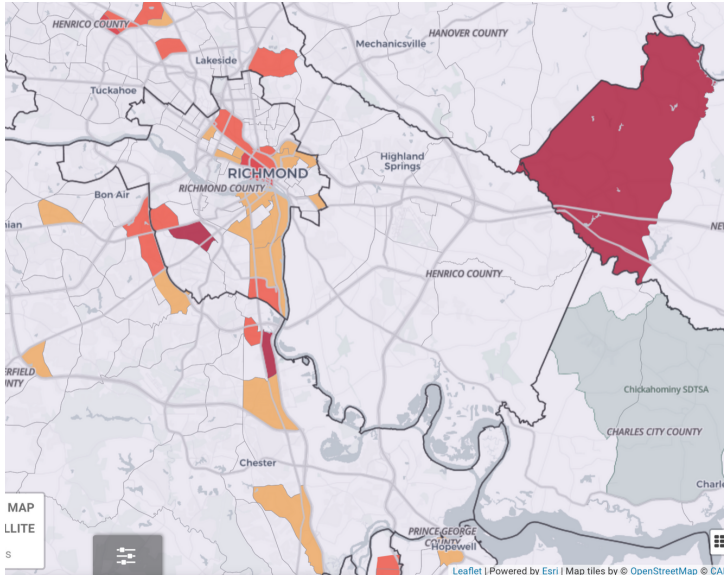
Northern Virginia



These maps are from [Census Hard to Count Maps 2020](#) and illustrate locations that were undercounted in the last census. Click the link to find out about your community. (4)



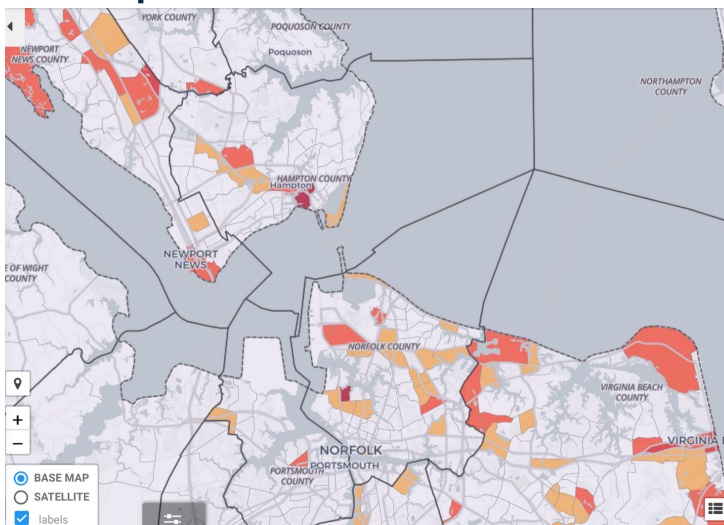
Richmond



Children are more likely to be missed in a census if:

- They live in large and complex households.
- They live with single parents or young parents between the ages of 18-29.
- They are not the biological or adopted child of the householder.
- They live with their grandparents, aunts and uncles, or other family members.
- They live in families that do not speak English or their family includes immigrants.
- They live in poor families.
- Their families rent rather than own their home. (5)

Hampton Roads



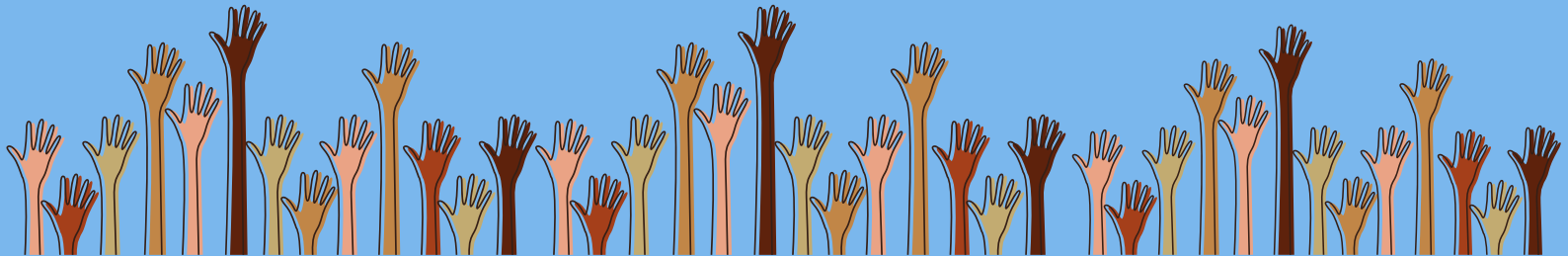
HOW AFTERSCHOOL CAN HELP



Afterschool Educators are trusted voices in their community. They can explain the importance of an accurate count to caregivers. They can reassure families it is safe to answer the census and illegal for any census taker to share info with anyone, including housing, police, and immigration. They can explain who is undercounted, especially young children.

Host a Census Event

During the month of April, afterschool providers have an opportunity to invite families to complete their survey using their space and technology. Pick an option that best serves your program. You can make it a one-night event and invite a census expert from the Virginia Complete Count Commission or have computers, laptops, and tablets ready on a rolling basis during student pick-up. Statistics in Schools from The US Census has great resources for working with families.



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