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Census In Schools

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Grade School Students

Explore coloring pages, quizzes, word finds, and more!

Classroom Activities

Ideas for you to incorporate census information into the classroom. History, graphing, collecting and understanding data, and more!

Contact Us

If you would like to share any thoughts or ideas about ways to introduce the Census to your students, please call 1-800-923-8282 or e-mail us at: Census.in.Schools@census.gov

What is Apportionment?

It is the process of dividing the seats in the House of Representatives among the 50 states based on the population figures collected during the decennial census. To read more [click here](#)

Teach children how it actually works....

The interactive resources listed below are sure to help guide your students through apportionment to see how the founding fathers planned equal representation for all.

Resources to Teach Children about Apportionment Data

Animated Apportionment Formula Video

Through animation, the Census Bureau and the Amazing Apportionment Machine help explain how the apportionment formula is used to ensure equal representation for all.

We urge you to [click here](#) to view and share this video to help understand how census data help shape the House of Representatives every ten years.

Interactive Apportionment Map

The interactive map showcases census data from 1910 - 2010. Students can view population and apportionment data from a 100 year snapshot for each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia; while exploring trends in the changing population of our nation. [Click here](#) to get started and view the map.

Lesson Plans

Incorporate the 2010 Congressional Apportionment data into your classroom to help share the importance of census participation.

Implement the following skills and objectives into your teaching curriculum.

- Understand and describe the role census data play in apportionment decisions
- Discover how census data are used to uphold the principle of "one person, one vote"
- Analyze the connection between apportionment and the Electoral College

[Click here](#) to view and download lesson plans by grade level.

Stay tuned for more information in the next Newsletter!