

Make Vermont Count! The 2020 Census and CAPs

#EverybodyCounts - So Let's Count Everybody!



What is the Census and Why does it Matter for VT CAPs?

Vermont Community Action Partners and the 2020 Census work together to ensure an accurate and complete count for all of the populations we serve!

Community Action Partners do amazing work! We run food shelves, economic education courses, the Community Kitchen Academies, and provide basic necessities for our community. These programs would not be possible without Federal Tax Dollars coming back into our state.

With an accurate and complete 2020 Census count, Vermont will receive the correct amount of funding - over 2.5 billion dollars! - necessary to continue programs such as those run by VT CAPs.

Accurate Census counts ensure that funding is equitably distributed for numerous programs such as Medicaid, highway planning and construction, special education grants to states, the National School Lunch Program, and Head Start.



Childcare Food Program & the Census

The US Department of Agriculture gives Vermont \$6,447,000 in federal funds for the Child and Adult Care Food Program which provides reimbursements for serving healthy meals and snacks to children. Eligible public or private nonprofit child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, Head Start programs, and other licensed institutions.





Head Start and the Census

Children ages 0-5 are notoriously and historically undercounted and the accuracy of counting this age group has continued to decline in every Census. If you miss counting children when they are young, that ten years of funding will miss their entire childhood!

Weatherization & Fuel Assistance

Many of the VT CAPs help low-income Vermont's with weatherization and fuel assistance. Some of that funding comes from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance HHS for which Vermont received \$18,987,983 per year based on the 2010 Census.



CKA & the Census

The Community Kitchen Academy is partially funded by the Department of Labor's WIOA Adult Activities grant. Vermont received \$2,028,449 per year from the 2010 Census numbers. The Community Kitchen Academy provides meals to the food shelves.

How Can I Help?

VT Community Action Partners Centers (SEVCA, BROCC, NEKCA, CVOEO, and Capstone) will be hosting Census Days and are looking for volunteers to help participants through taking the Census online or via the phone. Find out when and where at vermontcap.org



Find out More at www.2020census.gov