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The Census: A Process We All Benefit From

Fifty-thousand children under 4 years old. Forty-thousand parents with more than three children. One-thousand special needs children. The Census documents the amount of people in an area and the groups a person belongs to. The numbers gathered help the U.S. Census Bureau with projections of our population and how government money will be spent for the next 10 years. If there is an undercount, groups that need a certain amount of money will have to make do if it is not enough. This can prove disastrous for groups like children with disabilities who need specific devices and a unique education so they can live the best lives possible. So, it is important that the count is as precise as possible.

The general public as well as government officials benefit from the Census. Each state is given a number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives based on the size of the population in a process called reapportionment. This opens up more government positions for the residents of the states if the population increases and makes sure Congress has a good representation of the entire population. When it is time for the residents to vote for those representatives, the Census comes in handy as well. State officials can start redistricting when everyone in an area has been counted for.

It only takes 10 minutes. All of the questions pertain to knowledge each person already knows about himself. And there is confidentiality. No one except the person filling out the form and the Census Bureau will see the information. The Census is one of the easiest government processes we partake in and we can only benefit from its results.