Census Resources

Magazine:
*Trends | Census, Native American Deaths, Vaccines and More* With Much on the Line, States Want Complete Counts

*Get Ready to Enumerate* The Decennial Census, the Government’s Single Largest Civilian Undertaking, Wants to Find Everyone This Time

NCSL LegisBriefs:
"State Efforts to Support the Census"
"What You Need to Know About the 2020 Census"
"2020 Census: Everyone Should be Counted, but How?"

Blogs:
*Report: Census Data Key to $1.5 Trillion in Federal Spending*
The report examines the magnitude the federal government relies on census data to direct the distribution of federal funding to the states. The federal funds are determined with formulas based on census counts and census data.

*Census Questions Asked and Answered at Summit*
The “All About the Census” session at Legislative Summit produced a string of timely questions.

*North Dakota Wants More Olive Gardens*
While other states are preparing for the 2020 census with congressional reapportionment gains in mind, North Dakota has a different goal: more Olive Gardens.

*Jailhouse (Census) Block*
For most, the census process is simple: People are counted as residents in the census block where they live. For those incarcerated, however, this process is not so clear cut.

*The Other Census Question: How Private is Your Data?*
Everyone is talking about whether a citizenship question will be on the 2020 census. But there’s another question relating to the census: How will the census continue to ensure that data for individuals is kept private?

*Must States Use Census Data for Redistricting? Not Always*
What data must redistricters use when they go about their every-10-years task of creating equal population districts?

*Let the Competition Begin: Vying to be Number One in Census Response Rates*
Minnesota has a goal: it wants to rank first in terms of state response rates to the 2020 census. It was number 2 in 2010, so maybe that’s why it’s trying harder.
Friday Webinar: Prepping for the Make-or-Break Census
My hat is off to Jacob Fischler, who wrote about state-based census outreach in CQ Roll Call last week. He took data NCSL has gathered on its 2020 Census Resources and Legislation webpage, fact-checked it, figured out how to graphically display it—and then put it in context by talking to some of the nation’s experts on redistricting.

Colorado Tackles Census Concerns
If people are fearful about this federal enterprise, they may not respond to the census next year. Colorado is doing something to combat those worries with the slogan, “It’s Safe. It’s Secure. It’s Important.”

Alabama Goes Big on the Census
Every Alabamian matters. How, then, can the Yellowhammer State make sure every Alabamian is counted in next year’s U.S. census?

2020 Census: One Year From Today and Counting
It is important for everyone residing in the United States to be counted in the census to ensure all voices are heard and represented. The census equals fair representation and fair federal funding for states, cities and communities every year until 2030.

Checking in With Washington State’s Complete Count Committee
Recently I wrote about California’s complete count committee (CCC) for the census. Now I’m reporting on what I learned from my visit to Washington’s complete count shop.

Crank Up the Census Count with a CCC
States (and localities) can set up CCCs to spread the news that the census is coming, and it’s to everyone’s advantage when people—all of them—self-respond to the census and are counted.

Webinar:
Census Outreach: What States Can Do: The federal government’s largest peacetime operation – the census – is gearing up right now, even though the official date is months in the future (April 1, 2020). States are gearing up for it too. Why do states care about a federal project? Because census data will be used to determine political and economic power for a decade to come.

Website:
2020 Census Resources and Legislation: For more information on the census and what actions the states are taking for the 2020 census.