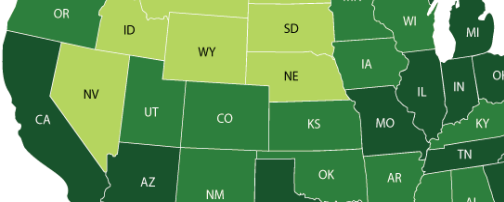
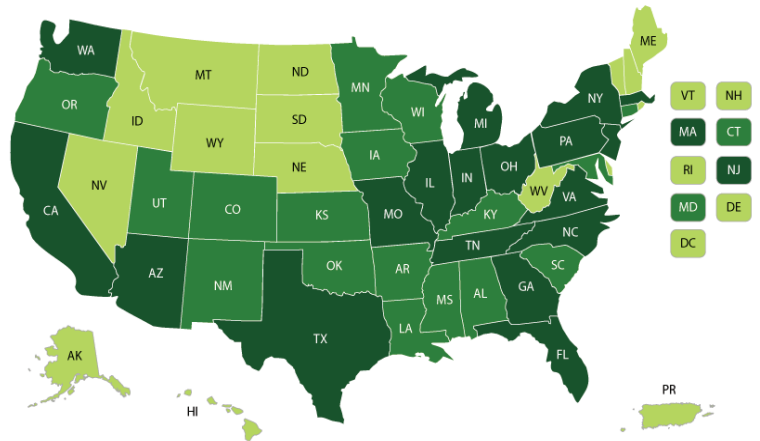


Distribution of Government Benefits

There are currently 132 federal programs that use Census data to determine the distribution of federal funds to the states. Some of the more recognized federal programs include Medicaid, Highway Planning and Construction, Unemployment Insurance, Head Start, and various other anti-poverty and child welfare programs. One example is Federal Childcare grants to the states to support lower income students and families. Use the information and map below to answer the following questions.

Federal Childcare and Development Block Grants

- \$5.4 Billion was distributed in 2015 by the Department of Health and Human Services to U.S. states
 - The darkest green states on the map qualified for over \$100million in federal aid, the light green states qualified for under \$40million in federal aid, and the green states qualified for between \$40-\$100billion in federal aid.
 - California qualified for \$566million, the most of any state under current funding formula
 - The formula for the amount of federal dollars each state receives is based on census data:
 - Number of children in the state below the age of 5
 - Per capita income level in the state
 - Number of children qualifying for the Federal School Lunch program in the state
- 



1. Which state receives the most federal funding for this program? Why?
2. What could the consequences of a census “undercount” on the distribution of federal resources to California?
3. Why is it an important civic duty for all Californians to participate in the census?