

Children's Defense Fund-Ohio

WILL YOUR CHILDREN COUNT?



CHILDREN COULD BE LEFT OUT IN THE 2020 CENSUS: WILL YOUR CHILDREN COUNT?



The Census Bureau has been undercounting young children (under 5 years old) for decades



The 2010 Census missed over 2.2 million young children (4.6% of all young children in the nation)

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Young Black and Hispanic children were missed twice as often in the 2010 Census as White children



WHY ARE SO MANY CHILDREN MISSED?

Nationwide, millions of young children live in circumstances that make them hard-to-count for the Census Bureau:

- Poverty Stricken Neighborhoods
- Large Complex Households
- Nontraditional Modern Family Structures



OVER 100,000 OF OHIO'S YOUNG CHILDREN COULD GO UNCOUNTED!



Ohio has the 10th highest number of young children living in hard-to-count census tracts



106, 217 (15%) of Ohio's young children live in hard-to-count census tracts:

73% of Cleveland's young children are at risk

52% of Columbus's young children are at risk

46% of Cincinnati's young children are at risk

38% of Toledo's young children are at risk



THE COST OF UNDERCOUNTING YOUNG CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITIES?



Federal Funding for Head Start, WIC, and SNAP in Ohio is determined by the Census - an undercount could decrease our federal funding and shortchange our communities



Our communities are denied a full voice in policy decision-making



Our communities are deprived equal representation and access to vital public and private resources

