50 Ways Census Data are Used

Decision making at all levels of government
Planning and research for all media for all news stories
Drawing federal, state, local legislative districts
Providing evidence in litigation involving land use, voter’s rights and equal opportunity
Attracting new businesses to state and local areas
Drawing school district boundary lines
Distributing over $300 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds
Forming budgets for government at all levels
Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population
Spotting trends for economic well-being of the nation
Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and the location of other health services
Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities.
Forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population
Planning for public transportation services
Establishing fair market rents and enforcing fair lending practices.
Directing funds for services for people in poverty
Designing public safety strategies
Directing services to children and adults with limited English language proficiency.
Development of rural areas
Planning urban land use
Analyzing local trends
Planning outreach strategies
Estimating number of people displaced by rural disasters
Understanding labor supply
Developing assistance programs for Native Americans
Assessing the potential for spread of communicable diseases
Creating Maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance
Making business decisions
Analyzing military potential
Delivering goods and services to local markets
Understanding Consumer needs
Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, and children
Locating factory sites and distribution centers
Planning Future Government services
Planning for congregations
Planning investment and evaluating financial risk
Distributing catalogs & developing direct mail
Publishing economic and statistical reports
Setting a standard for public and private surveys about the United States and its people
Facilitating scientific research
Evaluating programs in different geographic areas
Developing maps for government and business
Planning for School Projects
Providing proof of age, relationship or residence
Developing adult education programs
Certificates provided by the Census Bureau
Distributing Medical Research
Researching Historical subject areas
Reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives.
Determining areas eligible for housing assistance
Rehabilitation loans