

Madison County, MS: Hard To Count Census Tracts + Federal Grant Dollars Sensitive to Census Count

The Census Bureau counts the people every 10 years. The next Census count is 2010. In some counties it is harder to count the people because some people are afraid to provide information to census workers, some census workers are afraid to talk with people in their neighborhoods, and some people in rural communities live in hard to find locations.

The Census Bureau has provided data to show in which areas people have been hard to count. This data is shown by Census Tracts within each county. The Census Bureau ranks each Census Tract on a scale from 0 to 125. The Census Bureau uses 12 factors to set a score for each Tract. The MEAN number is 32.8. The MEAN is the AVERAGE score for all census tracts in the US. The Census Bureau regards all census tracts that score 60 or above as HARD TO COUNT.

The map uses 3 color codes to identify the scoring range for each Census Tract. CREAM color represents the lowest range and is below the MEAN. GREEN color represents the mid-range and is above the MEAN. RED color is the highest range above the MEAN and represents the HARD-TO-COUNT tracts.

Every year the US Government provides to states, counties and municipalities grant funds that are allocated on the basis of the census count. When there is an undercount communities lose funds to which they are entitled. In 2007 Madison County received in federal grants \$137,327,346. For more information about these grants follow this link to the US Census Bureau Consolidated Federal Funds Report: harvester.census.gov/cffr/asp/GeographyB.asp

Mississippi has 4 Congressional Districts. Madison County is in both the 2nd District and 3rd District. The 2nd District is represented by Cong. Bennie Thompson (Dem.) and the 3rd District is represented by Cong. Gregg Harper (Rep.)



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