

**NEW YORK CITY:
Why An Accurate Census Count Matters!**

**Hard To Count Census Tracts
+ Federal Grant Dollars Sensitive to Census Count**

"HARD TO COUNT" CENSUS TRACTS:

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 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.

CENSUS TRACTS THAT SCORE FROM 33 TO 59 ARE ABOVE THE AVERAGE AND HARDER TO COUNT. THE CENSUS BUREAU REGARDS ALL CENSUS TRACTS THAT SCORE FROM 60 TO 125 AS THE HARDEST TO COUNT CENSUS TRACTS WITH THE GREATEST RISK OF AN UNDERCOUNT.

HOW THIS MAP WORKS:

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.

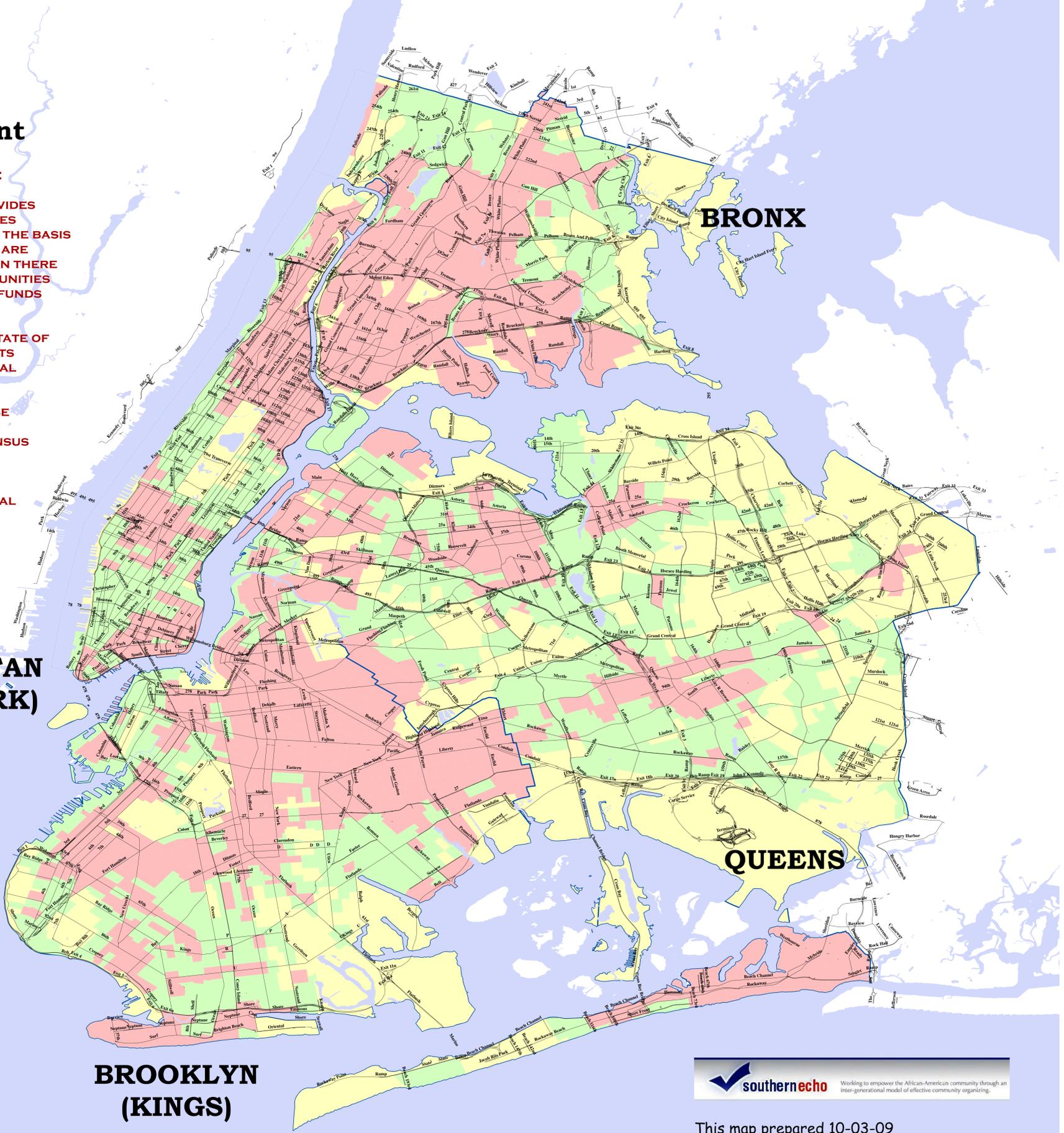
ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL GRANTS:

EVERY YEAR THE US GOVERNMENT PROVIDES TO STATES, COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES GRANT FUNDS THAT ARE ALLOCATED ON THE BASIS OF THE CENSUS COUNT. THESE GRANTS ARE SENSITIVE TO THE CENSUS COUNT. WHEN THERE IS AN UNDERCOUNT LOW-WEALTH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR LOSE SUBSTANTIAL FEDERAL FUNDS TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.

IN 2007 ALL OF THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK RECEIVED IN FEDERAL GRANTS SENSITIVE TO THE CENSUS COUNT A TOTAL OF \$48.1 BILLION.

IN 2007 THE 5 COUNTIES THAT COMPRISE NEW YORK CITY TOGETHER RECEIVED IN FEDERAL GRANTS SENSITIVE TO THE CENSUS COUNT A TOTAL OF \$26.97 BILLION.

THESE GRANTS ARE ITEMIZED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL FUNDS REPORT AT:
HARVESTER.CENSUS.GOV/CFRR/



**MANHATTAN
(NEW YORK)**

BRONX

QUEENS

**BROOKLYN
(KINGS)**

**STATEN ISLAND
(RICHMOND)**



Legend

- New York City 5 Boroughs
Hard To Count Census Tracts**
- 0 - 32 [Below the Mean of 32.8]
 - 33 - 59 [Above the Mean]
 - 60 - 125 [Hard to Count]

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