



2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA)

Recently, county board chairs received an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA), as mandated by the Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-430). While LUCA is a voluntary program, your county is strongly encouraged to consider registering by the deadline to participate of **December 15, 2017**.

According to The George Washington University, the total program obligations of the 16 largest federal assistance programs that distribute funds on basis of Decennial Census-derived Statistics (Fiscal Year 2015) is \$2,544,798,214 and Per Capita \$1,342. Examples of some of the programs are the Highway Planning and Construction, Medicaid, Medicare (Supplemental Medical Insurance), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), etc.

If your county has not already registered to participate, we strongly encourage you to consider doing so for some of the following reasons:

- This is the only opportunity offered to your government to review and update the Census Bureau's residential address list prior to the 2020 Census.
- An accurate count helps the federal government allocate more than \$400 billion in federal funds annually for infrastructure programs and services.
- Your participation in geographic programs helps the Census Bureau produce quality data.
- Accurate geography allows the Census to correctly count your communities' residents.
- Accurate geographic information directly affects the quality of life in your community.
- The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census.
- Participation in LUCA can help ensure an accurate count for your jurisdiction.
- Local communities can help us fix addresses available to the Census Bureau at this time.
- Primary purpose is to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

- Used to establish boundaries for state legislative districts, county board districts, school districts, and locate voting precincts.
- Census data are used to:
 - Distribute funds for over 1,000 programs administered by 26 federal agencies to tribal, state and local governments.
 - Provide statistical support for grant applications that fund community and regional development, education, agriculture, energy, and environmental programs, as well as other needed community improvements and enhancements.
 - Help your community plan for future needs.

Of note, the State of Nebraska will be one of the entities participating in LUCA.

Jason Dean from the Census Bureau will be conducting a LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) training in Lincoln, Nebraska January 12, 2018 (see flyer attached). This is a "how to" workshop covering pre-LUCA preparation (Geocoder/Address Count List/User List), LUCA Review (paper/digital/GUPS), LUCA submissions (mail/change file/SWIM) and LUCA feedback phase. To RSVP please email or call him. He can be reached at:

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A great deal of information about LUCA can be found at the following website <https://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/luca.html> including an information guide and operational plan.

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