



The Census is a very important tool that the government uses to determine information about United States citizens. Article 1 Section 2 of the Constitution calls for a census to be conducted every 10 years so that members of the House of Representatives can be apportioned accordingly.

The first two censuses in 1790 and 1800 were basic 'head-counts' that simply fulfilled the Constitution's requirement. However, later censuses began to collect more detailed information so that they could understand more about the U.S. population. Starting in 1850 the census began to record 'social statistics' such as: educational information, crime information, estate information, etc. After that subsequent censuses gathered more detailed information such as: race, housing status, ancestry, etc. Today, the census is used as more than just a tool for Congressional apportionment. The census allows us to follow and understand the changing demographics of the United States – vital information to make government services more efficient and effective.

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