



# Southern Coalition for Social Justice

## Census 2010 Factsheet: Workers, Jobs, and the Census

### A Complete Census Count in 2010 means more funding for jobs

North Carolina received over \$261 million in census-allocated federal funds in 2008 alone for job-training and related programs. The amount of funding NC receives for these *formula programs* is based on the number of people counted in the most recent US Census – the more people counted by the Census, the more money NC receives. Thus a complete census count is essential in 2010 to ensure that North Carolina gets its due in federal job-training grants.

#### Top formula grants for Employment and Job Training

### Census 2010 data will be used for the next decade

Even though Census 2010 doesn't include questions about employment, the basic population counts from this year's Census will be used for a number of job-related purposes over the next decade, including:

- helping companies use to decide where to locate new manufacturing facilities and retail stores
- siting new job training centers and employment service centers
- setting fair market rents
- calculating state-by-state GDP per capita and poverty data

Program	NC Funding in 2008 (millions)
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants	\$91.9
Workforce Investment Act funding – for job training, career centers, child-care and transportation vouchers, youth programs	\$53.7
Vocational Education Grants	\$35.1
Employment service – provides free job search assistance	\$25.0
Adult Education Programs	\$15.2
Extension Service – provides assistance to entrepreneurs, farmers, gardeners	\$12.0
Job training and employment assistance for migrant/seasonal workers and their dependents	\$9.6

source: CFFR 2008 and federalgrantswire.com

### A complete census count builds political power for working-class communities

- Population counts from Census 2010 will be used to redraw electoral districts at the state, local and national levels. A complete census count, in conjunction with redistricting work, can build power for working-class communities by drawing majority working-class districts at the local level, and increasing working-class political visibility at the state and national level.

### Labor unions are key partners for Census 2010 Outreach

A number of national unions have already joined on as official Census partner organizations, including:

- AFL-CIO
- American Federation of Government Employees
- AFSCME
- AFT
- Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
- Coalition of Labor Union Women
- IBEW
- NEA
- Teamsters
- SEIU