

Is census.gov legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

census.gov

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

census.gov appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-12 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 65%.

What this site appears to be

Official U.S. Census Bureau homepage offering information, data resources, surveys, news, and tools for researchers, educators, and the public. The site is informational and government-run.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	30 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1996 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1996.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is the U.S. Census Bureau homepage, presenting demographic and economic data, surveys, maps, research resources, news, and public-facing tools for researchers, educators, partners, survey respondents, and the general public. Its apparent purpose is non-commercial government information and public-service data dissemination.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage identifies itself as an official United States government website, provides a coherent public-service purpose, and shows no phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, wallet, or sensitive-login indicators. Independent reputation signals are clean, and the site's established public presence is consistent with the apparent government-service identity rather than a deceptive commercial operation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage states that it is the U.S. Census Bureau and an official website of the United States Government; its page risk assessment contains no red flags.
- The domain was registered in 1997 and is approximately 28.88 years old.
- Historical coverage records 5,000 archive snapshots across 5 tracked years, from 1996 through 2000, with strong continuity and no detected repurposing.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections; the site held traffic rank 2282 and was within the top 1 million sites.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's public-service model does not present the characteristics of a commercial financial service requiring a conventional financial license. The homepage provides clear institutional and government-status disclosures, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified by the supplied evidence; the on-page designation should therefore be treated as an apparent institutional identity rather than conclusive proof. No separate financial license claim or registration number is presented, which is a minor disclosure limitation in a regulatory review. A separate broker-reputation dataset produced no matching record, but that result is contextual and is not a licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the U.S. Census Bureau, displays the “.gov” government-organization explanation, and describes data, surveys, research, and public resources.
- The recorded registrar is get.gov.
- The page authority signal is classified as high, supporting the site's established institutional profile without independently proving operator identity.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm that the intended service is reached through the official Census Bureau domain and that any request is consistent with a known Census program. Where a specific service involves personal information, confirm its purpose through the site's published Help, Contact, or survey-support pathways and use ordinary payment-protection and merchant-identity checks if a third party is introduced.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage links to Help, Contact Us, Get Survey Help, and Survey Respondents resources.
- The observed forms are limited to site search and email subscription; no sensitive form or login form was detected.
- The stated business model is public data and survey dissemination rather than commercial monetization.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, consistent with an established, apparently legitimate public-service website. The available evidence supports normal informational use, while the conclusion remains evidence-consistent rather than independent proof of the real-world operator identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by Cloudflare's CDN and WAF, with observed addresses belonging to Cloudflare edge infrastructure; the origin server was not observable in this analysis. This provides a meaningful exposure-mitigation layer but is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Served from AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET—Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- Observed edge IP addresses were 172.65.90.24, 172.65.90.26, 172.65.90.25, and 172.65.90.27.
- TLS certificate issued by WE1, validation level DV, valid to 2026-10-02T23:56:12+00:00.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing and public-service use are proportionate to the assessed posture; before submitting credentials or payment information, independent checks of the relevant service identity, purpose, and payment protections should still be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-12 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	30%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of census.gov.

- The request stayed on census.gov. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under get.gov. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by census.gov, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-09-02. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1996-12-27. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	get.gov
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:78::90:0:181
Name servers	ns1e.census.gov, ns2e.census.gov
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-02
Domain age	29.62 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-09-02
Archive first seen	1996-12-27
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about census.gov at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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