Meriden, CT

What does “low-response rate” mean?

The Census Bureau provides information on areas that are less likely to self-respond initially on Census Day based on results from Census 2010. The Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM) application at [https://www.census.gov/roam](https://www.census.gov/roam) allows communities to identify these areas. The maps below provide the areas within Meriden that had low response rates in the previous decennial Census.

Nine of the 17 Census Tracts in Meriden had initial response rates of between 65–73% in 2010.¹ This is considered a low response rate.

This map shows the Census Tracts in Meriden with the lowest expected response scores. Approximately 20–34% of households in these tracts are expected to not self-respond.²

Note: The darker the color, the lower the expected response rate.

Of these tracts, seven (in green) will receive “Internet Choice” mailings in English or another language, meaning households in these tracts will receive paper questionnaires in the first mailing, allowing people to respond online or by paper.

What’s at Stake?

$10.7 billion in federal funding for programs and services that benefit Connecticut residents.³

Congressional Representation

A lower count of people could result in losing a House of Representatives seat.

Households with Limited Internet Access

The American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2013-2018) indicate that Meriden households in the Census Tracts with low-response rates may have less Internet access than Connecticut generally.

The range of estimates, which includes the margin of error, for each tract is included here because even with the margin of error, these tracts have limited access to Internet in the home. Some of these Tracts will be able to respond via paper during the first mailing. However, there are tracts that will be asked to respond via the Internet in the first mailing, but households in tracts may have limited access to the Internet.

Meriden Tracts 1708 and 1713 will not be receiving paper forms in the first mailing, but may have a higher percentage of households without Internet than Connecticut generally.

Meriden Tracts 1704, 1708, and 1713 will not be receiving paper forms in the first mailing, but among households who made less than $20,000, they may have a higher number of households without any Internet access.
