

The next decennial census will capture where you live on April 1, 2020.

- A census is an official count or survey of a population.
- The U.S. Constitution mandates a population count each decade, or every 10 years.
- The goal is to count everyone once – and only once, in the right place.
- Anyone living in the United States at the time of the census should participate, including non-citizens and permanent residents.

Participating in the 2020 Census is good for your community.

- Census figures define political districts, fuel research, and inform planning and decision-making for our communities.
- Census data is also used to distribute nearly \$675 billion dollars in federal funding to support many programs that help our schools, address hunger, and rebuild our aging infrastructure.

There are multiple ways to be counted in the 2020 Census.

- Most addresses will receive a mailing with instructions to participate online.
- You can also respond via mail or phone.
- In Spring/Summer 2020, Census Bureau employees will follow up in-person at addresses not yet counted.

Your personally identifiable information is protected by law and cannot be shared outside of the Census Bureau.

- Responses can only be used to produce statistical information.
- Your personal information cannot be seen or used by other government agencies or the courts. There are steep penalties for anyone who shares personally identifiable information.

Data security is the highest priority for the Census Bureau and extensive protections are in place to protect the integrity of the 2020 Census.

- Online responses are secured by multiple layers of encryption and isolated from online access as soon as you submit.
- The Census Bureau is working with the federal intelligence community and private industry to identify and respond to any external threats to its database.

If you don't have access to the internet in your home, you can still be counted.

- The online questionnaire can be completed on a smartphone.
- Households with limited internet access will be given the opportunity to respond via paper or telephone.

English language proficiency is not required to participate in the 2020 Census.

- The online census questionnaire is available in 12 non-English languages: Arabic, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Telephone responses will be accepted in the same additional 13 languages.
- Paper forms will be printed in English and Spanish.
- Language guides and glossaries will be available in 59 non-English languages, plus Braille.

The census questionnaire has ten questions and should take ten minutes.

- The census typically asks questions of people in homes and group living situations, including how many people live or stay in each household, and the gender, age, and race of each person.