

What You Need to Know

The Census is Very Important

- Once every 10 years, the census counts EVERYONE living in the U.S. – regardless of age, race/ethnicity or citizenship status.
- Being counted helps ensure the best possible future for yourself, your children, and your family.
- Each person counted in the census means more money will go to your community for the next 10 years.

Your Community Has a Lot to Gain

Information collected by the census helps decide how much money your community will get for things like:

Schools

Hospitals

Public Transportation

Social Services

Participating in the census means you are claiming your community's fair share of federal money.

- The census also decides how much political representation your community will have.
- Being counted makes sure you have a voice in our government.
- It is your chance to safely resist exclusion.

Filling Out the Census is Easy

- You can complete the census online, by mail, or by phone.
- You will be asked a few simple questions, like your age and the number of children in your home.
- It is important that everyone living with you is counted – children, relatives, friends and roommates.

The Census is Safe

- The census is safe and your information is private.
- It is illegal for anyone to share your information and there are laws that prevent anyone from providing your information to anyone.
- The Census Bureau can only use your response to create information about the general population, like how many people live in your city, and statistics about age, gender, and race. The Census Bureau cannot share information about you as an individual.

Census Day is April 1, 2020