

Get the Facts: 2020 U.S. Census



Why is your response important?

Once every 10 years, the U.S. Census counts the number of people in every community across the country. Doing your part by responding to the Census is critical – here's why it matters:

- Determines how many Representatives in Congress each state has.
- Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding is allocated based on Census data. That means your community's schools, hospitals, fire departments, roads, local governments, nonprofits and more.
- Decides grant amounts for key government programs, such as Medicaid, food and housing assistance, wildlife restoration, disaster relief and response, special education and teacher assistance, the National School Lunch program and more.

How do I participate?

Mid-March

Beginning in mid-March, invitations to respond to the Census will be sent to every household in the country. By April 1, every home will have an invitation.

April 1

Census Day is April 1 – that's the day everyone is encouraged to complete their questionnaire. The law requires you to participate if you live in the United States. There are three ways to respond:



Online



Phone



Mail

April-July

After April 1, Census takers will be visiting colleges, senior homes and other places where large groups of people live. From May to July, Census takers will begin making house calls to count people who have not yet responded.

Who sees my information?

All personal information is kept strictly confidential, as required by federal law. Your responses are grouped together with other homes to create aggregate statistics—which never identify your home or anyone in it. [Here is a link to a sample 2020 Census questionnaire.](#)

The Census Bureau will never ask for your:

- ▶ social security number
- ▶ political beliefs
- ▶ bank or credit card accounts numbers
- ▶ money or donations.
- ▶ There will also be no citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

***Thank you for doing your
part to make a positive
impact on our communities!***