



# Census 2020: Fast Facts

## What Is The Census?

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to determine the number of people living in the United States.

### What Will The Census Ask?

The Census asks for less personal information than most social media profiles. Items like name, gender, age, birthday, race/ethnicity, relationship to head-of-household, owner or renter and phone number are asked.

**The Census will not ask about citizenship or immigration status.**

### Who Gets Counted?

Census forms are filled out by household. Everyone living at the address matters and everyone needs to be counted, including children.

### How Do I Fill It Out?

It's easier than ever for 2020. You can respond online using the unique Census ID that will be mailed to you. If you don't have internet access, you can respond by phone or mail.

### How Is Census Information Used?

Being counted helps communities create jobs, provide housing, fund K-12 education, prepare for emergencies and build schools, roads, hospitals and libraries.

### Your Answers Are Secure And Confidential

The Census Bureau is committed to keeping your information confidential, private and secure. By law, individual-level census information cannot and will not be shared with any agency. Furthermore, cybersecurity measures have been put in place to keep your information safe, and any unlawful release of information is punishable by a \$250,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

### Census And Elections

Census data determines how many seats your state gets in Congress. Also, state and local officials use census data to draw boundaries for state and local legislative districts and school districts.

### Language Assistance

- Online form: 12 non-English languages
- Paper form: English and Spanish
- Telecommunications help for the deaf
- Language guides (video and print): 59 non-English languages, also American Sign Language, Braille and large print

### Key Dates

#### ► MARCH 2020

Census invitations mailed to households

#### ► APRIL – JULY 2020

Reminder letters/postcards sent if no response received

#### ► JULY 2020

Self-response deadline

#### ► DECEMBER 31, 2020

Census Bureau delivers count to President

#### ► MARCH 2021

States receive official count

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