

CountMeInWV Coalition

"It's easy, safe and important"



Participating in the Census is Critical to the Future of West Virginia's Kids and Families

The CountMeInWV Coalition is a statewide grassroots effort with 28+ organizations, associations and individuals working together to ensure every West Virginian counts in the upcoming 2020 Census.

Why: Over 440,000 West Virginians live in hard to count communities. This means more than 24% of West Virginia's population is at risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census. The barriers to completing the 2020 Census - lack of broadband, living in a rural community, mistrust of the Census process.

At stake are several hundred federal financial assistance programs that rely on census data to determine the amount of funds given to states, counties and cities. These programs include the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid), Medicare Part B, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Section 8 Project-Based Housing and Head Start/Early Head Start, among others. An undercount in the 2020 census will impact the amount of money the state and counties receive for these programs starting in 2021.

Who: The most likely folks to be undercounted are seniors, families with children under 5 years of age, communities of color, rural residents, college students, grandparents raising grandchildren and immigrant communities.

Coalition Partners:

WV Healthy Kids and Families Coalition
WV KIDS COUNT
WV Center on Budget and Policy
NASW WV Chapter
Planned Parenthood South Atlantic
Philanthropy West Virginia
WV Nonprofit Association
County Commission Association of WV
United Ways of West Virginia
Family Resource Network/Lewis County
WV Citizen Action Group
WV School Service Personnel
Happy Project
Primary Care Association
Cabin Creek Health Systems
Call to Action For Racial Equality

City of Charleston
AFL CIO
WV Child Advocacy Network
WV Community Action Partnership
WV Primary Care Association
WV ACES Coalition
West Virginians for Affordable Health Care
WV Perinatal Partnership
WV Alliance for Sustainable Families
WV Council of Churches
WV Supreme Court
Ohio Valley Environmental Council
WV League of Women Voters
WV Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Parents Network

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