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## Counting Your Family and Young Children

Respond to the 2020 Census to help your family and community!

Remember to include **everyone** who lives at your address -- babies, young children, other family members, and roommates. Sometimes people forget to include young children, but it is very important to count them too.

### Why is it so important for young children to be counted?

Counting young children in the census helps them **thrive**.

When you respond to the census, you help your community get its fair share of funding and services. The census count affects:

- Early learning programs, special education, child care grants, and Head Start
- Medicaid and children's health insurance
- Low income housing programs
- Supplemental nutrition assistance and WIC

Census data are also used for planning and decision-making. For example:

- School districts look at census data to plan for school sizes.
- Health providers look at census data to decide where to invest in hospitals and open clinics.

### How should young children be counted?

When you fill out the census, include everyone who is living there on April 1, 2020.

Remember to count:

- ✓ All children who live in your household, including grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends.
- ✓ Children who split their time between households, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.
- ✓ Newborn babies, even those who are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.
- ✓ Anyone who is living and sleeping in your household most of the time.

*You can find more information about the census at [www.countusin2020.org/resources](http://www.countusin2020.org/resources).*