

BE COUNTED



Young people were drastically undercounted in the 2010 U.S. Census—which missed more than 1 in 10 children under the age of five. When we fail to count children, the programs that support their well-being—such as childcare, schools, health insurance, housing, and public transportation—lose out on needed funds for the next 10 years, an entire childhood.

What is the census?

The U.S. Constitution requires the government to count everyone who lives in the United States every ten years. To start the count, each household will receive a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau by mid-March. If households don't reply by late April, a Census employee will follow up in person.

Why is the census important?

- ✘ Census information is used to distribute more than \$1.5 trillion in federal funds, including funding for schools, hospitals, and roads in every community.
- ✘ The census is used to determine how communities are represented in the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, and even on school boards.
- ✘ The census helps determine how much money your school receives to reduce class size, support educators, offer free and reduced meals, and help students with special needs. All children gain when they and their friends are counted.

The census is safe.

- ✘ Census information is used for statistical purposes only, to better understand our population and communities.
- ✘ Federal law strictly prohibits using census

information for law enforcement, immigration enforcement, or any reason related to an individual or family. Census employees who disclose confidential information can be punished by 5 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

How to get counted?

- ✘ Count everyone who stays in your home, whatever their age or relationship, especially if they might not be counted somewhere else. Babies count (even if still in the hospital), and so does your nephew, stepdaughter, grandmother, or grandchild who stays with you.
- ✘ The census is easy. Households can complete the form by return mail, by phone, or online. Forms are available in English and 12 other languages. Census guides are available in 60 languages.

Safe. Important. Necessary.

Fill Out Your Census Today

- ✘ **At 2020census.gov**
- ✘ **By Phone, toll free**
- ✘ **By Mail, postage paid**