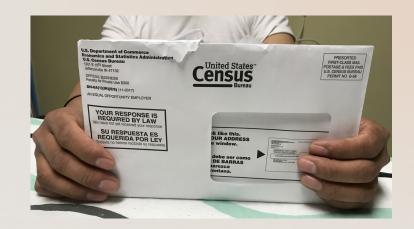
THE 2020 CENSUS AND ADULT EDUCATION IN FLORIDA



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ACE of Florida Summer Symposium June 10, 2019

Agenda

- Why care about the Census?
- What are the risks?
- What solutions are communities creating?
- What can/should adult educators do?

WHY CARE ABOUT THE CENSUS?



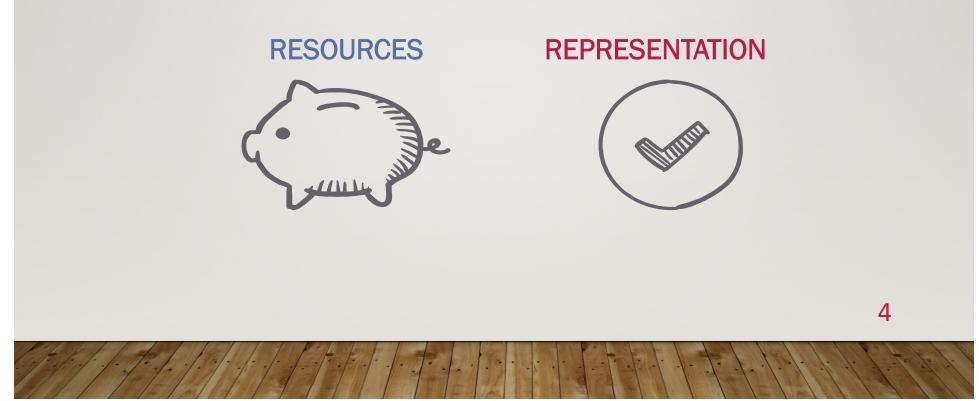
The Census is CRITICAL!

Let's look at why

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CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT

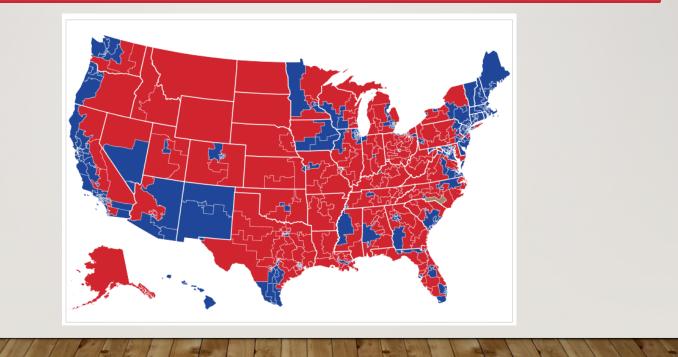


RESOURCES

\$800,000,000,000

For education, housing, health services, infrastructure, and much much more -- every year!!

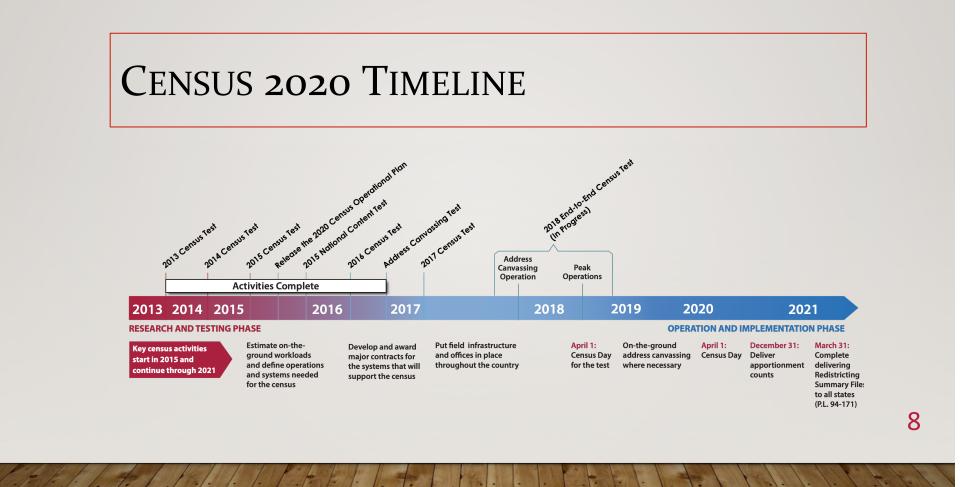
REPRESENTATION House of Representatives - 116th Congress



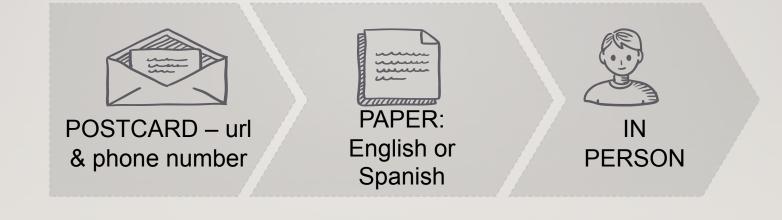
THE CENSUS IN FLORIDA

FYI: 20 percent (one in five!) Florida residents is foreign born. One in eight Florida residents is a U.S. citizen with foreign born parents, meaning that there are a lot of children in mixed status households who could be left out of the 2020 Census completely if a citizenship question scares their parents into avoiding the census. Florida could be facing a massive undercount and will have to live with the results for the next ten years, depriving the state of its fair share of resources. When ANY person is not counted in the census, the entire community and state suffer the consequences.

- Terri Ann Lowenthal, email communication, May 22, 2019



CENSUS 2020 PROCESS



WHAT QUESTIONS ARE ASKED?

- Age
- Citizenship*
- Hispanic Origin
- Race
- White & Black origin

- Sex
- Relationship

 (including
 same/opposite
 sex)
- How many people in the household?
- Tenure (owner/ renter)

Phone number: for census business only

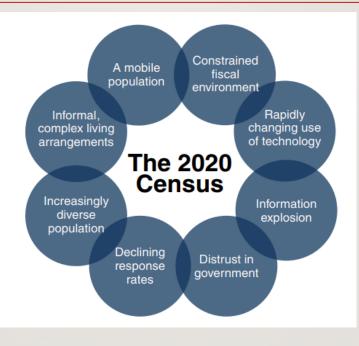
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*pending US Supreme Court decision

THINK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION

- Ways that Census data determines policy, funding, and representation for your community, program, staff, participants
- Ways that an undercount could affect policy, funding, and representation for your community, program, staff, participants

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



CENSUS-RELATED RISKS

- Undercount
 - young children
 - people of color
 - low-income households
 - foreign-born residents
 - rural residents
- Incomplete/incorrect information
- Scams and fraud

REASONS FOR UNDERCOUNT

- Home address not included in Census roster
- Complex household relationships
- Mistrust of government / privacy fears
- Language issues



https://www.census2020now.org/faces-blog/2018/3/9/hard-to-count-populations

SOURCES OF SUSPICION AND FEAR

✤ The process:

- Who is sending this letter/postcard to me?
- Who is calling me?
- Who is coming to my home?

The outcomes:

- What will happen to my information?
- What will happen to me?
- What will happen to my family?

REASONS FOR "CONCEALMENT"

Census Bureau researchers have identified five reasons that people conceal additional people who are living in the household (and thus undercount a house):

- Fear of losing government assistance
- Housing issues
- Don't want to expose poverty
- Anxiety about law enforcement or criminal justice system
- Immigration status

Source: Email to Census Taskforce listserv from Danah Boyd

CHALLENGES WITH COMPLETION

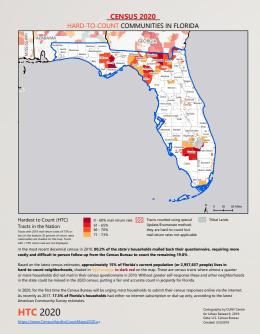
Online:

- Internet access
- Understanding what is asked
- Familiarity with online forms

Paper:

- Understanding what is asked
- Familiarity with forms

HARDEST TO COUNT (HTC) POPULATIONS

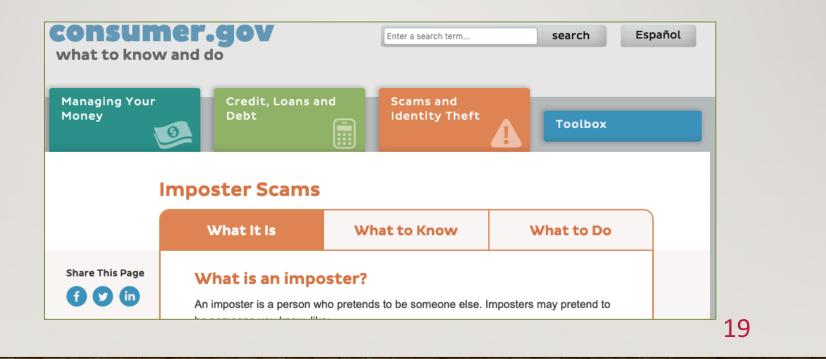


In the most recent decennial census in 2010, 80.2% of the state's households mailed back their questionnaire, requiring more costly and difficult in-person follow up from the Census Bureau to count the remaining 19.8%.

Based on the latest census estimates, approximately 15% of Florida's current population (or 2,957,657 people) lives in hardto-count neighborhoods, shaded in light orange to dark red on the map. These are census tracts where a quarter or more households did not mail in their census questionnaire in 2010. Without greater self-response, these and other neighborhoods in the state could be missed in the 2020 census, putting a fair and accurate count in jeopardy for Florida.

http://www.censushardtocountmaps2020.us/

POTENTIAL FOR SCAMS AND FRAUD



WHAT TO DO: PROVIDE GUIDANCE

- The real Census letter/postcard will come from Jeffersonville, IN, and will be addressed to "resident."
- To find out if a survey is really from the Census Bureau, you can call your regional office and ask, "Am I in a survey?"
- To find out if a caller or visitor is really from the Census Bureau, you can call the national processing center at 1-800-523-2305. Also, ask to see the person's U.S. Census badge.

WAYS TO FOLLOW UP

- Report fraud: https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/
- Forward potentially bogus emails and website URLs to the Census Bureau at <u>ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov</u>
- Use Census Bureau materials
- Look at the Fraud section of our google doc at http://bit.ly/2HEnbgi

THINGS A REAL CENSUS EMPLOYEE WILL NEVER DO

- Refuse to let you read her/his U.S. Census badge
- Tell you that you must pay a fee or wire money
- Ask for your full Social Security number, bank account number, or credit/debit card number
- Threaten you
- Make you hurry to answer



THINK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION

- Reasons your program participants might have for not participating in the Census
- Census-related problems that your program participants might have or encounter

- Ways to address those issues and encourage participation
- Ways to address those problems before or after they arise

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

People are taking action

Kristin Lahurd Director for Literacy and Cont. Education



LIBRARIES AS ESSENTIAL, TRUSTED PARTNERS

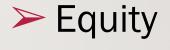


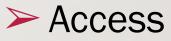
- Deliver information
- Provide internet access
- Serve as trusted messengers
- ≻ Train data users

We are here to help! Information available in 49 languages OFFICIAL Questionnaire Assistance Center

SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

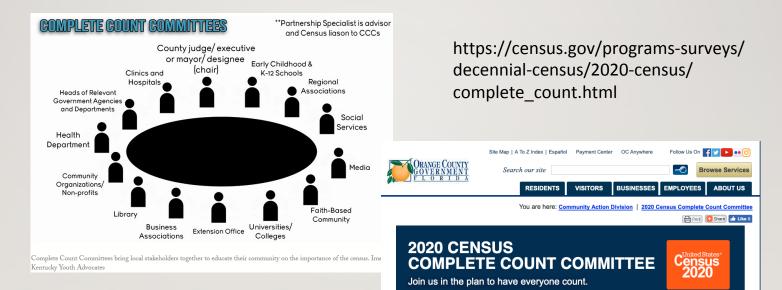
99% OF HARD-TO-COUNT CENSUS TRACTS HAVE A PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED WITHIN FIVE MILES.







COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEES



THINK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION

- Potential partners for your program in promoting Census participation
- Plans for contacting those partners

ADULT EDUCATION'S ROLE

What to say; what to do

Heather Ritchie Professional Development Specialist Carlos Rosario School



Andy Nash Director NELRC at World Education



WHAT CAN ADULT PROVIDERS DO NOW?

Have a conversation with your leadership.

- Choose Will you remain silent, stay neutral/intern or actively promote?
- Continue to be more informed
 - legal aspects
 - trusted sources: Census Project, NALEO, UnidosUS
 - share resources: <u>http://bit.ly/2HEnbgi</u>

PROVIDE INFORMATION The 2020 Census CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW The 2020 Census **KEY PELESTONES** and Confidentiality at a Glance ting everyone once, only once, and is the Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and Everyone protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any counts. way By low, all responses to U.E. Cansus Burnow household It's about fair and business surveys are kept completely confidential. representation. nd to the 2020 Census to shape the future. Ing to the canasis helps communities get the funding-they helps businesses make alate driver description that prove only. Genesa data impact our delig here, informing imparts one allocat funding for services and infrestructure is your 10 ing health care, service centers, jobs The 2020 Census at Census 101: What You Need to Know a Glance The 2020 Census and Confidentiality > > Census fact sheets: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennialcensus/2020-census/library/fact-sheets.All.html 31

SHARE INFORMATION BROADLY

- How will you message information to your instructors and students?
 - Announcements
 - Lessons
 - Campaign
- How can you engage the student community?
 - ✓ Student government
 - Student leaders



PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS

For teachers

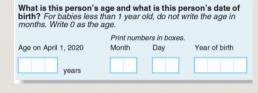
Lesson activities and discussion prompts, links to instructional resources



For students

Practice activities, easy-to-read information, links to community

supports



For programs

Suggestions for a program-wide Census workshop, internet access and computer support

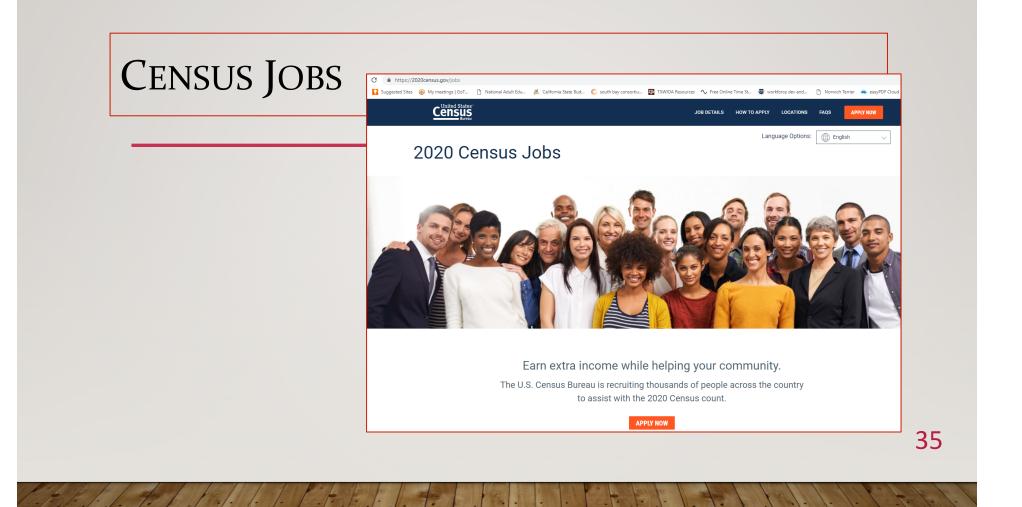


PROVIDE PRACTICE

Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

What is Person 1's name?	Print name below
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First Name										MI			
Last Name(s)													



CALIFORNIA ADULT EDUCATION

Creating a shared course for their students to become census enumerators in their communities

2020 Census Jobs

WANT TO EARN \$17 AN HOUR OR MORE? QUIERE GANAR \$17 LA HORA O MASP

APPLY HERE/APLIQUE AQUI: https://2020census.gov/jobs

Need assistance applying? Attend one of the following workshops: Monday, May 6, 2019 @ 5pm Monday, June 3, 2019 @ 5pm Monday, July 1, 2019 @ 5pm Where? **Hanford Adult School** 905 Campus Dr. Hanford CA 93230 Or call 559-563-3072 for more information





Job Line: 1-855-JOB-2020 (1-855-562-2020)

THINK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION

Plan for taking this back to your staff and teachers

- What do you want them to know?
- How will you transmit that knowledge?
- Hat do you want them to do?
- How will you get them to do it?

Plan for taking this back to your adult learners

- What do you want them to know?
- How will you transmit that knowledge?
- Hat do you want them to do?
- How will you get them to do it?

THANKS!

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