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CENSUS 2020 IS COMING!

What to Know

The Census determines where **\$1.5 trillion** in federal funding goes **annually for the next 10 years**. Schools, hospitals, roads, public transit, and jobs are all impacted by the Census. As the fastest-growing population, **AANHPIs are growing in political power** but our visibility and representation depends on ALL of us getting counted in the 2020 Census. It only happens once every 10 years so **make sure you and your community get counted!**

WHO SHOULD FILL OUT THE CENSUS?



The Census counts every person living in the United States, regardless of immigration status. That means that every single household should fill out the Census and everyone living together should be included - infants, elders, undocumented folks, aunts, uncles, family friends, everyone!

WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR ANSWERS?

The Census Bureau is the only one who has access to your answers! Federal law keeps your answers CONFIDENTIAL and the Census Bureau CANNOT share your information to immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits. The Bureau can only produce statistics from Census data, but not share or give out any individual information.





WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY ETHNICITY IS NOT REPRESENTED ON THE CENSUS?

If your ethnicity is not on the Census, you should write it in! It is important to check off the race boxes and write in your ethnicity because the AAPI community is so diverse.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY GENDER IS NOT REPRESENTED ON THE CENSUS?

The Census asks about biology not identity. The Census “sex” question only allows “male” or “female.” Transgender and gender non-conforming people must choose between these two binary options for their sex assigned at birth or how they identify today. Respondents can choose either. A blank response increases the likelihood that someone from the Census may contact you or may impute a response for you. Responses are not matched with other government records or databases to check for veracity. NQAPIA objects to this erasure and is lobbying for the recognition of trans and GNC people. We acknowledge that while it erases many in our community, the census also drives funding for programs and political representation. It is about harm reduction.





WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS?

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FUN FACT!

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