

# Participate in the 2020 Census!

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau counts every person living in the United States. The 2020 Census is a 10 question form that asks basic information about your household and the people who live in it. Everyone who lives with you — including young children and newborns — are counted! Parents should count all babies born on or before April 1, 2020, even if they are still in the hospital.

## Why Is it Important to Complete the 2020 Census?

### Funding That Supports Your Family and Community

The census is a way to get back what you put in. Census data are used to distribute more than \$1.5 trillion in federal funding that support necessities in local communities, like schools, health care, food assistance (SNAP), treatment for clean drinking water, and road repairs that benefit everybody. You have to know where people live in order to know where resources are needed.

### Political Representation

A fair and accurate count builds political power for your community and state because census data are also used for .for deciding states' seats in Congress and as a basis for redistricting. Census data alter the electoral college and therefore affect the presidential election, as well as who appoints federal judges — institutions that have the power to protect or harm us.

### Civil Rights

The census ensures that advocates, lawyers, and government officials have the demographic data they need to enforce civil rights laws.

## Census Facts to Know

- **The 2020 Census is still underway and operations have been adjusted due to COVID-19.** The deadline to respond to the census has been extended to October 31, 2020.
- **The best way to prevent a census taker from coming to your door is to respond on your own online, by phone, or by returning the paper questionnaire by mail.**
- **Federal law keeps individual data or personal responses collected by the Census Bureau confidential for 72 years.** The census *does not* ask about citizenship and immigration status or your Social Security number; request money or donations; or solicit support for a political party. Your information cannot be shared with immigration authorities or ICE, law enforcement or police, or your landlord, and it won't affect any public benefits you receive.
- **Lost your unique ID number or never recieved one?** Don't worry! You can respond online at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) or by phone at 844-330-2020\* with just the address of where you're living on April 1, 2020.
- **Rumors linking the federal stimulus package and census response are completely false and have been debunked by the media and the Census Bureau.** The Census Bureau can't share your personal information with other government agencies or anyone else, and your responses won't affect any public benefits you receive.

\*Find phone numbers for additional languages on the other side of this fact sheet.

# How to Respond to the 2020 Census

Completing the 2020 Census is easy and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

Respond today.

## Respond ONLINE

Go to [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) to respond online.

Fill out the questionnaire on a computer, tablet, or smartphone using the unique ID number you received by mail at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov). You have until October 31, 2020, to respond but don't delay, respond today!

## Respond by PHONE

Complete the census questionnaire by phone by calling 844-330-2020, or call the number associated with your preferred language below.

*Open every day from 7 am to 2 am ET.*

English (for 50 states and Washington, D.C.): 844-330-2020  
Spanish (for 50 states and Washington, D.C.): 844-468-2020  
English (for Puerto Rico residents): 844-418-2020  
Spanish (for Puerto Rico residents): 844-426-2020  
TDD (Telephone Display Device): 844-467-2020

*Open every day from 8 am to 10 pm ET.*

Chinese (Mandarin): 844-391-2020  
Chinese (Cantonese): 844-398-2020  
Vietnamese: 844-461-2020

Korean: 844-392-2020  
Russian: 844-417-2020  
Arabic: 844-416-2020  
Tagalog: 844-478-2020  
Polish: 844-479-2020  
French: 844-494-2020  
Haitian Creole: 844-477-2020  
Portuguese: 844-474-2020  
Japanese: 844-460-2020

## Respond by MAIL

The Census Bureau will send a pre-paid postage paper questionnaire to most households that have not yet responded by the end of April. Return your completed questionnaire by mail.

## Respond IN PERSON

If you haven't responded by August 2020, the Census Bureau will send an employee to your home to get your responses in person. If you don't answer the door after three attempts, a Census Bureau employee will try asking your neighbors, your relatives, or your landlord to gather your census data.

- Enumerators will have a Census Bureau photo ID badge that includes (1) their name, (2) their photo, (3) a Department of Commerce watermark, and (4) an expiration date.
- They will have an official bag and Census Bureau-issued electronic device, such as a laptop or smartphone, bearing the Census Bureau logo.
- Census takers will conduct their work between the hours of 9 am and 9 pm, local time.