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Census 101

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Questions? Call our census hotline at 844-2020-API for support in English and other languages. Visit www.CountUsIn2020.org/hotline for more information. See census guidance on COVID-19 www.CountUsIn2020.org/covid-19.

Every 10 years, the U.S. government counts every person living in the U.S., through the census. The census is a short questionnaire that asks basic information about your household and the people who live in it. Your personal responses are confidential.

The census started in January 2020 in remote areas of Alaska, and most households will receive their invitation to respond in **March 2020**. Make sure that you are counted to get your **fair** share of resources and representation!



Being counted in the census helps you and your family.

- Data from the census are used to divide over **\$1.5 trillion dollars** of government funding for important services, like schools, libraries, food stamps, and health care.
- Data from the census are also used to divide up political representation in Congress, in your state capitol, and in cities and towns across the country; a complete count means fair representation for your community.

Your census responses are confidential.



The 2020 Census will NOT ask about citizenship or immigration status. The Census Bureau is not allowed to share your individual information with other government agencies, immigration officials, or the public. Strong laws protect your response from being shared! Census responses can only be used for statistical purposes.

Responding to the census is quick and simple.

- **You can respond online.** The Census Bureau will send you instructions in **mid-March 2020**. Go to the official census website, enter your household ID, and then answer the questions.
- **You can respond by phone.** Call the Census Bureau to answer the census by phone and ask questions about the census.
- If you do not respond to the census online or by phone, the Census Bureau will mail you a **paper questionnaire**.

If you do not respond, starting in August 2020, a census employee might come to your home to ask for the information in person. You can still respond online or respond by phone through September 2020.

Language assistance is available for some languages.

The online questionnaire and telephone assistance are available in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese. The Census Bureau also produced language glossaries, language identification cards, and language guides in 59 non-English languages which are available at www.2020census.gov/en/languages.html.



You can find more information about the census at www.CountUsIn2020.org/resources.