Counting Your Family and Young Children

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Respond to the 2020 Census to help your family and community!

Remember to include *everyone* who lives at your address -- babies, young children, other family members, and roommates. Sometimes people forget to include young children, but it is very important to count them too.

Why is it so important for young children to be counted?

Counting young children in the census helps them **thrive**.

When you respond to the census, you help your community get its fair share of funding and services. The census count affects:

- Early learning programs, special education, child care grants, and Head Start
- Medicaid and children's health insurance
- Low income housing programs
- Supplemental nutrition assistance, including programs for women, infants, and children (SNAP and WIC programs)

Census data are also used for planning and decision-making. For example:

- School districts look at census data to plan for school sizes.
- Health providers look at census data to decide where to invest in hospitals and open clinics.

How should young children be counted?

When you fill out the census, include everyone who is living there on April 1, 2020.

Remember to count:

- ✓ All children who live in your household, including grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends.
- ✓ Children who split their time evenly between households, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.
- ✓ Newborn babies, even those who are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.
- ✓ Anyone who is living and sleeping in your household most of the time.

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