The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America’s population. The 2020 Census goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to help provide more local jobs and places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will introduce new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to cut down on household visits. And, we are building a more accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

The Census Bureau is the leading source of statistical information about the nation’s people. We provide snapshots on population size and growth and detailed portraits of our changing communities.
Become a 2020 Census Partner

Your partnership sends a strong message to your community about the importance of the census and the benefits of being counted. By partnering with the Census Bureau, you can help:

- Assure people that it is important—and safe—to respond to the census.
- Ensure accurate census data, which guide funding decisions for your community and affect your community’s representation in Congress.
- Spread the word about temporary census jobs in your community.

Get Involved: What Can You Do Now?

- Create or join a Complete Count Committee and partner with other trusted voices and influential leaders in your area who are committed to increasing census participation. Encourage your peers to get involved too.
- Raise awareness by including census information in newsletters, social media posts, podcasts, mailings, and on Web sites.
- Help recruit census workers when jobs become available.

You can make a difference

As an influential community, business, or organization leader, you can raise awareness and encourage participation.

Key Dates

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For more information, go to census.gov.

To get involved in your community, contact us!