



Count everyone living in your household on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

## What is Census?

Every 10 years, the United States takes an official count of the number of people living in the country. Anyone living in the United States as of April 1, 2020, regardless of citizenship or residency status should be counted.

## Why is it important?

- Your participation ensures an accurate count for our country and city, which helps **secure federal funding and representation** in Washington D.C. for our community.
- Be counted so the City will have added benefits available to help the residents of the City.

## Who gets counted?

- Everyone living in your home on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.
- Boarding school students below the college level should be counted at the home of their parents or guardians.
- Babies born on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 must be counted.
- If your family member passes away on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, **they still get to be included.**

## Data protection & privacy - Take your 2020 Census with peace of mind

- Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can **only be used to produce statistics.**
- **By Law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential – they cannot be used against you in any way.**
- **Your information cannot be released to any Landlords, Law Enforcement Agencies or Immigration.**
- All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect all your information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and / or up to 5 years in prison.

## What does the Census ask & how to submit responses?

- The survey asks a few simple questions, including age, sex, ethnicity origin, race of each person, relationship to each person living in your home on census day, and whether the home is owned or rented.
- Submit responses via telephone, U.S. mail or online – mobile devices can also be used.

## 2020 Census Response Timeline

- On or between **MARCH 12-20** - An invitation to respond online or by phone to your 2020 Census.
- On or between **MARCH 16-24** – A **reminder letter to respond** if you haven't responded yet.
- On or between **MARCH 26 - April 3** - A **reminder postcard to respond**

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- On or between **April 8-16** – A reminder letter & paper questionnaire to respond
- On or between **April 20-27** – A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

## SAMPLE MAIL ENVELOPE



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# SAMPLE INVITATION LETTER

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## U.S. Census Bureau

Washington, DC 20233-0001  
Office of the Director

March 12, 2020

Dear Resident:

This is your invitation to respond to the **2020 Census**. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at this address.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency readiness needs.
- Determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

Respond by April 1 at  
**my2020census.gov**

Your Census ID is:

The Census Bureau is using the internet to securely collect your information. Responding online helps us conserve natural resources, save taxpayer money, and process data more efficiently. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, we will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free 1-844-330-2020.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham  
Director

Enclosures

**Mensaje importante:** Para completar su cuestionario del Censo del 2020, visite **my2020census.gov** o llame gratis al 1-844-468-2020.

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **my2020census.gov**

#### **What is the 2020 Census?**

The goal of the census is to count every person living in the United States once, only once and in the right place. Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that this population and housing count occur every 10 years. Census data guide how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.

#### **Am I required to respond to the 2020 Census?**

Yes, you are required by law to respond to the 2020 Census. We are conducting the 2020 Census under the authority of Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141, 193 and 221. This collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-1006. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct the census.

#### **How long will my 2020 Census questionnaire take?**

The Census Bureau estimates that completing the questionnaire will take 10 minutes on average.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this burden to: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-1006, U.S. Census Bureau, DCMD-2H174, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233. You may email comments to <2020.census.paperwork@census.gov>. Use "Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-1006" as the subject.

#### **How do I respond?**

Go to **my2020census.gov** to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online. You will need the 12-digit Census ID found on the other side.

#### **How will the Census Bureau use the information I provide?**

By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses to produce statistics.

#### **Are my answers confidential and private?**

Yes. The Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9). The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. All web data submissions are encrypted in order to protect your privacy.

Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information. Violating the confidentiality of a respondent is a federal crime with serious penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both. Only authorized individuals have access to the stored data, and the information you provide to the Census Bureau may only be used by a restricted number of authorized individuals who are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of your individual responses. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

For more information about how we protect your information, please visit our Web site at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) and click on "Data Protection and Privacy Policy" at the bottom of the home page. This page also includes information about the collection, storage, and use of these records. Click on "System of Records Notices (SORN)" and look for Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/CENSUS-5, Decennial Census Program.



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INSTRUCTIONS



ENGLISH

### English

Go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) and select “ENGLISH,” located in the upper-right corner of the window, to access your 2020 Census questionnaire in English.

### Español (Spanish)

Vaya a [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) y seleccione “ESPAÑOL”, en la esquina superior derecha de la ventana, para acceder al cuestionario del Censo del 2020 en español.

### 中文 (Chinese)

请进入网站 [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) · 并选择位于窗口右上角的“中文(简体)” · 以连接到您的中文版2020年人口普查问卷表。

### Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

Hãy vào trang mạng [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) và chọn “TIẾNG VIỆT” ở góc trên bên phải của cửa sổ để truy cập bản câu hỏi Thống Kê Dân Số 2020 bằng Tiếng Việt.

### 한국어 (Korean)

2020년 센서스 인구조사 설문지를 한국어로 보시려면 인터넷 사이트 [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)로 가셔서 화면의 오른쪽 상단 코너에 있는 “한국어”를 선택해 주십시오.

### Русский (Russian)

Чтобы получить доступ к анкете переписи населения 2020 года на русском языке, зайдите на веб-сайт [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) и выберите «РУССКИЙ» в правом верхнем углу окна.

### العربية (Arabic)

تفضل بزيارة [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) وحدد “العربية”، الموجودة في الزاوية اليمنى العلوية من النافذة، للوصول إلى استبيان التعداد السكاني لسنة 2020 الخاص بك باللغة العربية.

### Tagalog (Tagalog)

Pumunta sa [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) at piliin ang “TAGALOG,” na nasa itaas na kanang sulok ng window, upang ma-access ang iyong palatanungan ng 2020 Senso sa Tagalog.

### Polski (Polish)

Aby uzyskać dostęp do kwestionariusza Spisu Ludności 2020 w języku polskim, proszę przejść na stronę [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) i wybrać “POLSKI” w górnym prawym rogu ekranu.

### Français (French)

Rendez-vous sur [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) et sélectionnez « FRANÇAIS », situé dans le coin supérieur droit de la fenêtre, pour accéder à votre questionnaire du Recensement 2020 en français.

### Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

Pou gen aksè sou kesyonè Resansman 2020 an, nan Kreyòl Ayisyen ale sou sitwèb [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) epi chwazi “KREYÒL AYISYEN,” nan kwen anwo nan bò dwat fenèt la.

### Português (Portuguese)

Visite [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) e clique em “PORTUGUÊS” no canto superior direito da janela para acessar o questionário do Censo 2020 em português.

### 日本語 (Japanese)

[my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) にアクセスして、ウィンドウの右上角にある「日本語」を選択し、2020年国勢調査（日本語版）にアクセスしてください。

**English**

For help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, call toll-free 1-844-330-2020.  
For telephone display service (TDD) for the hearing impaired, call toll-free 1-844-467-2020.

**Español (Spanish)**

Si necesita ayuda para completar el cuestionario del Censo del 2020, llame gratis al 1-844-468-2020.

**中文 (Chinese)**

如果您填写2020年人口普查问卷表时需要帮助，请拨打免费电话 1-844-391-2020 (普通话) 或 1-844-398-2020 (广东话)。

**Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)**

Để được trợ giúp hoàn thành bản câu hỏi Thống Kê Dân Số 2020 của quý vị, hãy gọi số miễn phí 1-844-461-2020.

**한국어 (Korean)**

2020년 센서스 인구조사 설문지 작성에 도움이 필요하시면, 무료 번호 1-844-392-2020으로 전화해 주십시오.

**Русский (Russian)**

Для помощи в заполнении анкеты переписи населения 2020 года, позвоните по номеру 1-844-417-2020 (бесплатно).

**العربية (Arabic)**

للمساعدة في استكمال استبيان التعداد السكاني الخاص بك لسنة 2020، اتصل على الرقم المجاني: 1-844-416-2020.

**Tagalog (Tagalog)**

Para sa tulong sa pagkumpleto ng iyong palatanungan ng 2020 Senso, tumawag nang toll free sa 1-844-478-2020.

**Polski (Polish)**

Aby uzyskać pomoc w wypełnieniu kwestionariusza Spisu Ludności 2020, proszę zadzwonić pod bezpłatny numer 1-844-479-2020.

**Français (French)**

Pour obtenir une aide afin de remplir votre questionnaire du Recensement 2020, appelez gratuitement le 1-844-494-2020.

**Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)**

Pou jwenn èd ranpli kesyonè Resansman 2020 an, rele nimewo nou an gratis 1-844-477-2020.

**Português (Portuguese)**

Para obter ajuda para responder ao questionário do Censo 2020, ligue gratuitamente para o telefone 1-844-474-2020.

**日本語 (Japanese)**

2020年国勢調査についてご不明な点があるときは、フリーダイヤル 1-844-460-2020 までお電話ください。

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This is the official questionnaire for this address.  
It is quick and easy to respond, and your answers are protected by law.

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Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

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**Start here** OR go online at [url removed] to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.

Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at [url removed] or call the number on page 8.

The census must also include people without a permanent place to live, so:

- If someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from here, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

**1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?**

Number of people =

**2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?**

Mark  all that apply.

- Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

**3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark  ONE box.**

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

**4. What is your telephone number?**

We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number

-    -





**1. Print name of**

**Person 3**

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

**2. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?**

Mark  all that apply.

- No
- Yes, for college
- Yes, for a military assignment
- Yes, for a job or business
- Yes, in a nursing home
- Yes, with a parent or other relative
- Yes, at a seasonal or second residence
- Yes, in a jail or prison
- Yes, for another reason

**3. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark  ONE box.**

- Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse
- Opposite-sex unmarried partner
- Same-sex husband/wife/spouse
- Same-sex unmarried partner
- Biological son or daughter
- Adopted son or daughter
- Stepson or stepdaughter
- Brother or sister
- Father or mother
- Grandchild
- Parent-in-law
- Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
- Other relative
- Roommate or housemate
- Foster child
- Other nonrelative

**4. What is this person's sex? Mark  ONE box.**

- Male  Female

**5. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth? For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.**

Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2020 Month Day Year of birth

years

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 6 about Hispanic origin and Question 7 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

**6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc. ↴

**7. What is this person's race?**

Mark  one or more boxes AND print origins.

- White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. ↴

- Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc. ↴

- American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. ↴

- Chinese
- Filipino
- Asian Indian
- Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc. ↴
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Japanese
- Native Hawaiian
- Samoan
- Chamorro
- Other Pacific Islander – Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc. ↴

- Some other race – Print race or origin. ↴

→ **If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 4 on the next page.**





1. Print name of

Person 5

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

2. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?

Mark [X] all that apply.

- No
Yes, for college
Yes, for a military assignment
Yes, for a job or business
Yes, in a nursing home
Yes, with a parent or other relative
Yes, at a seasonal or second residence
Yes, in a jail or prison
Yes, for another reason

3. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark [X] ONE box.

- Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse
Opposite-sex unmarried partner
Same-sex husband/wife/spouse
Same-sex unmarried partner
Biological son or daughter
Adopted son or daughter
Stepson or stepdaughter
Brother or sister
Father or mother
Grandchild
Parent-in-law
Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
Other relative
Roommate or housemate
Foster child
Other nonrelative

4. What is this person's sex? Mark [X] ONE box.

- Male
Female

5. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth? For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

Age on April 1, 2020
Print numbers in boxes.
Month Day Year of birth

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 6 about Hispanic origin and Question 7 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
Yes, Puerto Rican
Yes, Cuban
Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin - Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

7. What is this person's race?

Mark [X] one or more boxes AND print origins.

- White - Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.
Black or African Am. - Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.
Chinese
Filipino
Asian Indian
Other Asian - Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.
Vietnamese
Korean
Japanese
Other Pacific Islander - Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.
Native Hawaiian
Samoan
Chamorro
Some other race - Print race or origin.

If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 6 on the next page.

**1. Print name of**

**Person 6**

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

**2. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?**

Mark  all that apply.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, with a parent or other relative   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, for college               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at a seasonal or second residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, for a military assignment | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in a jail or prison               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, for a job or business     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, for another reason                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in a nursing home         |   |

**3. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark  ONE box.**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opposite-sex unmarried partner   | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Same-sex husband/wife/spouse     | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-in-law                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Same-sex unmarried partner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law or daughter-in-law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological son or daughter       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other relative                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted son or daughter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Roommate or housemate         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stepson or stepdaughter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster child                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative             |

**4. What is this person's sex? Mark  ONE box**

- Male  Female

**5. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth? For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.**

Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2020    Month    Day    Year of birth

years   

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 6 about Hispanic origin and Question 7 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

**6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc. ↴

**7. What is this person's race?**

Mark  one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

- White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. ↴
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- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese   | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese   | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino  | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean   | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc. ↴ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc. ↴ |  |
- Some other race – Print race or origin. ↴

→ **If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 7 on the next page.**

Use this section to complete information for the rest of the people you counted in Question 1 on the front page.  
We may call for additional information about them.

**Person 7**

First Name  MI  Last Name(s)

Sex  Male  Female Age on April 1, 2020  years Date of Birth Month  Day  Year of birth  Related to Person 1?  Yes  No

**Person 8**

First Name  MI  Last Name(s)

Sex  Male  Female Age on April 1, 2020  years Date of Birth Month  Day  Year of birth  Related to Person 1?  Yes  No

**Person 9**

First Name  MI  Last Name(s)

Sex  Male  Female Age on April 1, 2020  years Date of Birth Month  Day  Year of birth  Related to Person 1?  Yes  No

**Person 10**

First Name  MI  Last Name(s)

Sex  Male  Female Age on April 1, 2020  years Date of Birth Month  Day  Year of birth  Related to Person 1?  Yes  No

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*Thank you for completing your 2020 Census questionnaire.*

If your enclosed postage-paid envelope is missing, please mail your completed questionnaire to:

U.S. Census Bureau  
National Processing Center  
[address removed]

If you need help completing this questionnaire, call [toll-free number removed], Sunday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. ET.

TDD — Telephone display device for the hearing impaired. Call [toll-free number removed], Sunday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. ET.

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# Why We Ask

## The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.

Responses to census questions provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future.

### When you fill out the census, you help:



Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress.



Inform how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.



Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

## The 2020 Census will ask for the following information:

### Number of people at address

We ask this question to collect an accurate count of the number of people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Each decade, census results determine how many seats your state gets in Congress. State and local officials use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts, and school districts.

### Any additional people living or staying there

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure that everyone living at an address is counted.

### Owner/Renter

We ask about whether a home is owned or rented to create statistics about homeownership and renters. Homeownership rates serve as an indicator of the nation's economy and help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

### Phone number

We ask for a phone number in case we need to contact you. We will never share your number and will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

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## Name

We ask for names to ensure everyone in the household is counted. This also helps us to keep ancestry records. Listing the name of each person in the household helps respondents include all members, particularly in large households where a respondent may forget who was counted and who was not.

## Sex

We ask about the sex of each person to create statistics about males and females. Census data about sex is used in planning and funding government programs, and in evaluating other government programs and policies to ensure they fairly and equitably serve the needs of males and females. These statistics are also used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination in government programs and in society.

## Age and date of birth

We ask about age and date of birth to understand the size and characteristics of different age groups and to present other data by age. Local, state, tribal, and federal agencies use age data to plan and fund government programs that provide assistance or services for specific age groups, such as children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, or the older population. These statistics also help enforce laws, regulations, and policies against age discrimination in government programs and in society.

## Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

We ask about whether a person is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin to create statistics about this ethnic group. The data collected in this question is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

## Race

We ask about a person's race to create statistics about race and to present other statistics by race groups. The data collected in this question is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

## Whether a person lives or stays somewhere else

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure individuals are not included at multiple addresses.

## Relationship

We ask about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person to create estimates about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that provide funds or services for families, people living or raising children alone, grandparents living with grandchildren, or other households that qualify for additional assistance.

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# The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

*Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.*

## Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.



## Your census responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

## By law, your responses cannot be used against you.

By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.



## The law is clear—no personal information can be shared.

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies.

The law states that the information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

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## There are no exceptions.

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep everyone's information confidential. By law, your responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The Census Bureau will not share an individual's responses with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow that information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits. Title 13 makes it very clear that the data we collect can only be used for statistical purposes—we cannot allow it to be used for anything else, including law enforcement.

## It's your choice: you can respond securely online, by mail, or by phone.

You will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Households that don't respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Regardless of how you respond, your personal information is protected by law.

## Your online responses are safe from hacking and other cyberthreats.

The Census Bureau takes strong precautions to keep online responses secure. All data submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy, and our cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data are received, they are no longer online. From the moment the Census Bureau collects responses, our focus and legal obligation is to keep them safe.

## We are committed to confidentiality.

At the U.S. Census Bureau, we are absolutely committed to keeping your responses confidential. This commitment means it is safe to provide your answers and know that they will only be used to paint a statistical portrait of our nation and communities.

Learn more about the Census Bureau's data protection and privacy program at [www.census.gov/privacy](http://www.census.gov/privacy).



## Laws protecting personal census information have withstood challenges.

In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed that even addresses are confidential and cannot be disclosed through legal discovery or the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In 2010, the U.S. Justice Department determined that the Patriot Act does not override the law that protects the confidentiality of individual census responses. No court of law can subpoena census responses.

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