

Help Your Community Get Its Fair Share by Completing Your Census Form

What is the U.S. Census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts all people living on its soil. This count will happen again in 2020.

Why Does it Matter to Me?

These counts are used to determine:

- 1) How much money goes toward taking care of young children through:
 - a. Education (Head Start, schools, special education, and child care)
 - b. Public health insurance (Medicaid and CHIP)
 - c. Nutrition programs (SNAP, WIC, and school lunches)
 - d. Foster Care
- 2) How much money communities and states receive for local programs and services:
 - a. Hospitals
 - b. Fire and police departments
 - c. Roads and highways
- 3) How many representatives a state can have speaking for its citizens in the U.S. Congress

Children and the 2020 Census

- Children are the group most likely to not be counted in the census.
- It is estimated that for every child not counted, a state loses approximately \$2700 every year for 10 years.

What Can I Do?

- Your participation in the 2020 Census makes a difference. Even small numbers of citizens, especially children, not being counted can greatly affect community funding.
- If you have a young child living with you, be sure to count them on your census form—even if you are a relative other than their parent.
- If a child spends equal time in two households, use the one where the child is on Census Day, April 1.
- Be on the lookout! In March 2020, you will receive a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau telling you how to fill out your census form, which takes 10 minutes, on average.

Depending on the size of your area, if just 5% of children are not counted, between \$14,000 and \$584,000 could be lost every year for 10 years!

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By law, your information is confidential.

Your answers to the census cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. The law is found in Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Anyone who violates this law faces severe penalties. The U.S. Census Bureau does not identify individuals in the data they publish.