What is the census?

- **The census counts every person living in the United States.** This count occurs every ten years and is required by the Constitution.
- The 2020 Census form has nine questions. Responses won’t take long—about ten minutes.
When is the census?

- The 2020 Census runs from mid-March through July 31st.
- In March, the U.S. Census Bureau will send invitations in the mail with instructions. This is the first year that the census will be offered online. The census can also be taken by phone or by mail.
Why is the 2020 Census important?

Funding to Communities
The census counts every person living in the United States. Where there are more people, there are more needs for public services. The 2020 Census will determine how $675 billion in government funding gets distributed to provide public services to communities each year. These dollars support:

• Hospitals and health clinics
• Roads and bridges
• Schools and free lunch programs
• Fire departments
• Affordable housing
• and more!

Representation
The census count also determines how many seats your state gets in Congress.
Who takes the census?

- Every person living in the U.S. can be counted once.
- Everyone is invited to take the census. There will not be a question about citizenship on the 2020 Census.
- Every person is counted where they live on April 1st. Everyone living in a household—including newborns, seniors, and people who are not family members—should be counted on that household’s census form.
What you need to take the census.

- Invitation from the Census Bureau
- Your address or the address where you are living on April 1st
- Internet-ready computer or mobile device, if you wish to take the census online

What you DON’T NEED

- NO Social Security numbers
- NO bank or credit card numbers
- NO money or donations
What if I don’t have Internet at home?

- You can take the 2020 Census on an Internet-ready mobile device.
- Community centers with computer labs can help you take the census online.
- The census can also be taken by phone toll free at (844) 330-2020, or by mail.
Common reasons people don't take the census

"It’s not important to me."
The census count determines how government funding gets distributed to communities.

"I don’t understand English."
Questions are available in thirteen languages.

"I don’t know how."
You can take the census online, by phone, or by mail. Visit [www.GetCounted.com](http://www.GetCounted.com) for up-to-date information.

"I don’t trust the government."
Census responses are protected by federal law. You have a right to privacy. It’s essential.

"I don’t have time."
Responses won’t take long—about ten minutes.
Visit www.GetCounted.com for up-to-date information on how (and why!) to take the 2020 Census.

Check if you received your invitation from the Census Bureau in the mail (March 2020).

When filling out the form, type the address of where you are living on April 1st, or type your unique ID (found in your invitation).

Answer the form’s nine simple questions—like what is your age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children—and submit.

If you haven’t taken the census by April 1st, the Census Bureau will follow-up. Remember that you can take the census between mid-March and July 31st, but the sooner the better.
Ready to be counted.

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