

Fact Sheet

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The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete and you can respond to the census in three ways:



Online



By Phone



By Mail

Your answers help determine:

- The number of seats each state gets in the House of Representatives
- The boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts, and school districts
- The distribution of more than **\$675 billion in federal funding** to hospitals, fire departments, schools, road repair, and many other projects.

Why is April 1, 2020 so important?

When completing the census, you'll note where you are living on April 1. Even if you fill your form out early, April 1 is used as a reference point.

Remember:

If a child spends time between two homes, count them where they stayed on Census Day, April 1.

College students not living in their parent's home while attending college should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time.

Parents should include children even if they are in the hospital.

How does the Census Bureau protect my data?

If you submit your census online, your information is encrypted. The Census Bureau's cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information.

Your Census information is confidential.

Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your information with immigration or law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

**DID YOU
KNOW**



The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



The Census is required by the Constitution of the United States.



Every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

Avoid Scams!

The U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Your Social Security number
- Your bank account or credit card numbers
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party

If a website, e-mail, or person claiming to be from the Census Bureau asks you for one of these things, you may be the target or victim of a scam.

Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting the official U.S. Census Bureau website. [2020census.gov](https://www.2020census.gov)