



The 2020 Census

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What is the Census?

The Census, given by the United States Census Bureau, happens every 10 years. The Census is a form that must be filled out by every person who has an address in the United States and its territories. The Census collects information about the people in each household. Only one person per household needs to fill out the census for everyone who lives in that home. It takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Questions That Are Asked:

- How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?
 - *This question is to count people where they live most of the time.*
- Is this house, apartment, or mobile home owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?
 - *This question is to find out how many people own homes compared to renting.*
- What is your telephone number?
 - *This is just in case the Census Bureau has questions and needs to contact you.*
- Information about Person 1.
 - *Person 1 is who pays rent or owns the home or any adult who lives in the home.*
 - *This question will ask for their name, gender, age, birthday, and race.*
- Information about additional people in the household.
 - *The Census will ask for their name, where they normally live, and how they are related to Person 1.*

IMPORTANT: The Census will never ask for a social security number, money, a bank account, political opinion, credit card information, or about citizenship.

Why is it important?

The Census decides where and how resources are given to different groups. This can include highway construction, schools, or emergency workers in the community. It also decides how many Representatives each state has in the United States Congress. The Census makes it possible for resources to be given to programs to match the needs of people living in the United States.



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IMPORTANT: The Census needs to be filled out for each household by the end of October so the right information is used to make these decisions.

How to complete it?

Many houses will get a request to fill out the 2020 Census by mail. It will also include directions on how to complete the Census. The Census can be filled out by phone, mail, online, or in-person.

- Online
 - Complete the Census at my2020census.gov.
 - The Census letter will give an ID which will be used when filling out the form online.
 - The form must be finished at one time because information cannot be saved.
 - After submitting the Census form you will get a confirmation number.
- Mail
 - Make sure your form is correct by checking that the return envelope is addressed to the U.S. Census Bureau in either Jeffersonville, IN or Phoenix, AZ.
 - The Census can be sent in English and Spanish.
 - For other languages and formats including Braille, American Sign Language, or large print, visit www.2020census.gov.
- Phone
 - You can answer the Census by calling 844-330-2020.
 - The Census Bureau will never call you unless they are returning your call.
 - Hours of operation for each language can be found on www.2020census.gov.
- In-Person
 - From August through October, Census takers will follow up, in person, with homes that have not filled out the Census yet.

All information collected for the Census is protected and kept safe!

IMPORTANT: When answering Census questions the information should be about everyone who was living in your household on April 1, 2020.