What is the 2020 United States Census?
Every ten years, the US Census counts every single person living in the US and five US territories by collecting basic information about the people living in your household. This information provides the government with a total number of and details about people living in the US.

Why is it important for me to participate in the Census?
By law, you are required as a US citizen to complete the Census. Plus, the information will determine how many Representatives our state has in the US Congress and the money our state receives to fund important programs. The Census will help shape our state's future for the next 10 years!

Is completing the Census hard for me to do?
No! This is very easy to do. You will answer easy questions about yourself and everyone who is or will be living with you on April 1, 2020.

How can I respond to the Census?
If you received an invitation in the mail, you can complete the form by mail. Or, you can visit my2020census.gov to complete your form online.

Is the information that I provide private and secure?
YES! This information will never be used against you and none of your information will be given out. All the information that is collected is protected so that it is kept safe.

What types of questions will Census employees NEVER ask for me to provide?

- What is your social security number?
- What is your mother’s maiden name?
- Can you provide your bank account or credit card information?
- Are you able to make a donation?
- What is your opinion on politics?

If someone claiming to be a census agent requests any of this information from you and/or threatens you with fines or jail time, you will know that you are dealing with a fake, or "scammer."
Beware of Census Scams!
A Resource for Self-Advocates

How can I spot a Census SCAM?

- **Email Scam** - The Census Bureau will never contact you by email to complete a survey. If you receive an email from a Census scammer, do not download any attachments or click any links – Just delete it!

- **Job Scam** - Scammers are posting job applications for people interested in temporary positions with the Census Bureau. You can spot this as a scam if they are asking for an application fee or requesting your bank account information. Real Census job postings will be located at https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html.

- **Mail Scam** – There are multiple mail scams that look similar to a real Census request. The real Census invitation will say either say Jeffersonville, IN, “U.S. Census Bureau” or “U.S. Department of Commerce” in the return address. Refer to page 1 for a list of questions the Census will NEVER ask you.

- **Door to Door Scam** – During the COVID-19 pandemic, US Census workers will not be going door to door to try and reach you about filling out your census. However, this could start after social distancing restrictions are lifted. In order to stay safe, ask the individual to show their official Census Bureau-issued photo ID. If you feel like the person is a fake, ask them to leave, shut your door, and contact your local police by calling 911 if you don't feel safe.

- **Phone Scam** – US Census workers may try and contact you by phone to collect your household information. However, fake Census workers, or robocallers are reaching people by phone to try and steal their personal information. How can you be sure that the person you are talking to is a real Census employee? You can find out by calling 1-800-923-8282.

What should I do if I think I have been scammed?

- If you feel like you have come across a "scammer," email ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov or call 1-800-923-8282.

- To find out more information about the Census, visit https://2020census.gov/en.html.