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# Every Child Counts

**Make sure all children in your household are counted in the 2020 Census.**

**Census Day: April 1, 2020**

## What is the census?

The census is a national survey that happens once every 10 years. It helps determine how federal funding is given to programs. It also helps communities understand how they should spend funds, like building more schools and hospitals, fixing roads, and paying for important programs.

The census is 10 simple questions that are safe for everyone to answer. Responses are confidential and protected by law. It can be completed online or over the phone in 13 different languages. It can also be completed by mail in English or Spanish.

## The census matters for our children.

Children and families utilize hundreds of federally-funded programs like Head Start, CHIP, and Medicare. The money that funds these programs is allocated based on how many people are counted in the census.

Funding for these programs and resources will be reduced or end if there is an undercount in our community. We must show that we still need these resources. Be counted and help us ensure that the next generation receives the community resources, programs, and infrastructure it deserves.

## What do you need to do?

1. Fill out your census form this spring. You can fill it out online or by phone starting March 12th, or fill out a paper form that will be mailed to you in April.
2. Count everyone living in your household on your census form. This includes babies, children, and anyone who is living and sleeping there most of the time, even if they are not related to you.
3. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.

In 2010, at least 400,000 young Latino children between the ages of 0 and 4 were left uncounted in the United States. Because of that undercount, those children missed out on hundreds of millions of dollars worth of programs and infrastructure development that would have impacted their lives.

Let's make sure that doesn't happen again.

## Our families depend on an accurate census count.

Be counted and make sure your community's voice is heard in the 2020 Census.

**The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.  
Your responses are safe.**

Visit [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) for more information.

*"There Is No Worse  
Struggle Than the  
One Never Waged"*



# Common Questions about the Census

## **Q: Who do I include on my census form?**

**A:** Count everyone living in your household on your census form. This includes babies, children, and anyone who is living and sleeping there most of the time, even if they are not related to you.

## **Q: Why do I need to count the children in my home?**

**A:** By counting all children who live with you, you'll help make sure that programs like Head Start, WIC, Medicare and hundreds more are properly funded. If we do not show that there are children and families that need these services in our community, funding will be reduced, lost, or end.

## **Q: Will they ask about my citizenship status?**

**A:** No. The census will not include a question about citizenship. The census is simple, confidential, and safe for everyone to fill out.

## **Q: Do I fill out the census if I'm not a citizen?**

**A:** Yes. All people living in the U.S. need to fill out the census regardless of citizenship status. You will NOT be asked about your citizenship status on the census.

## **Q: Is my information confidential?**

**A:** Yes, by law the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

## **Q: How can I fill out the census for my household?**

**A:** For the first time ever, the census is available online. You can also complete it over the phone or mail it in. In March, you'll receive an invitation via mail to respond to the census with directions on how to do so.

## **Q: Will someone come to my house with a census form for me to fill out?**

**A:** Not if you complete the census in early April. Completing your census form early is the best way to avoid having a Census Taker (someone who follows up with households who haven't completed their census) visit your home.

## **Q: When do I need to fill out my census form?**

**A:** You can fill it out online or by phone starting March 12th, or fill out a paper form that will be mailed to you in April. If you do not fill out your census form, a Census Taker will follow up with you to see if you need any assistance filling it out. To avoid this, fill out your form as early as possible.

## **Q: How long will it take to complete the census?**

**A:** It has 10 simple questions and will take about 10 minutes to fill out.

## **Q: Where can I go if I have questions about the census?**

**A:** Visit [2020Census.gov](https://www.census.gov) for more information about the census.