



CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

*** April 1 is Census Day ***

Make sure you are counted!

WHY do the Census?

The U.S. Constitution ([Article 1, Section 2](#)) mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first Census was in 1790!

WHAT is the data used for?

- Determine the distribution of Congressional seats to states
- Make planning decisions about community service
- Distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds

\$675 billion in funding tied to the census

- Medical Assistance and Healthcare Programs (MAP, Medicare Part B, CHIP)
- Supplemental Food and Nutrition Programs (SNAP, National School Lunch Program)
- Highway Planning and Construction
- Housing Assistance (Section 8, Public Housing, Rental Assistance)
- Unemployment Insurance
- Disaster Recovery Grants
- Childhood and Adult Education (Federal Pell Grant, Title 1, Special Education, Head Start)



Interested in learning more about the U.S. Census?
[Census.gov](https://www.census.gov) | (800) 923-8282

SURVEY DATA IS CONFIDENTIAL!

- Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law.
- By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.
- By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

QUESTIONS ON THE CENSUS

Name • Age • Date of Birth • Phone Number
Sex • Race & Origin • Own or Rent • Relationship

QUESTIONS **NOT** ON THE CENSUS

Citizenship • Social Security Number
Financial information • Donation

WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND TO THE CENSUS

Online • Phone • Mail
Census Bureau Enumerator (at your door)

