



## **2020 Census Scenarios & Responses**

### **Doesn't think the census is important.**

- Filling out the census means you will have the opportunity to notify the government that you are here and it will influence your future to be thoroughly represented by public officials!
- The census will determine what resources we can lose and gain. The census is important to me because...How about you, what issues are important to you?
- Filling out this form means you are exercising your voice and power as a resident of your community and nation. Your voice matters!

### **Doesn't have access to a computer.**

- Check computer access at Foundation Communities learning centers and computer labs. You can also check with a local community-based organization, community center, or library to see if they can offer assistance or access to a computer. Even without computer access, you can call or fill out the paper form. Households that have not responded will receive the paper form April 8-16.

### **What if I cannot read?**

- You can complete the form through a phone call.

### **Has a physical disability and they cannot fill it out.**

- You can still participate over the phone or online with accessible technology. You can also ask a family member or friend for assistance with filling out the form.

### **They think they had filled it out, but not 100% sure.**

- If you are not sure, do **not** use your household ID. You can fill out the form online or via phone with a non- household ID.

### **Someone in our household already filled it out, but they did not include everyone in the household.**

- If you forgot someone, have them fill out a non-ID response.

### **If I am multiracial, how do I note that on the census?**

- You can indicate what your racial background is by checking multiple boxes and writing in responses.

**If I identify as Middle Eastern and/or North African population, how do I complete the racial question on the census?**

- Check off "White" to also write in their "origins." Among the suggested answers are examples of two of the largest Middle Eastern and North African nationality groups in the U.S. — "Lebanese" and "Egyptian".

**Does Census collect data on LGBTQ communities?**

- No, however, the 2020 Census will ask a question about same-sex relationships.

**What if I do not identify with one gender or the other?**

- Unfortunately, the census is still gender binary. Please fill it out the best you can so that you can be counted.

**I am pregnant. Should I count my baby?**

- Congratulations! Unless your baby is born on or before Census Day (April 1), you cannot count your child.

**My mother visits with me for part of the year from out of the country. Should she be counted if she is living with me on April 1?**

- She should be counted if she has lived with you for at least 6 months + 1 day.

**They are incarcerated/a member of their household is incarcerated/they have a felony on their record and do not know if they can fill it out.**

- Incarcerated individuals are always counted in the decennial Census.
- Anyone incarcerated will be counted through group quarters.
- Even if you have a felony, you will still be counted.

**I want to provide my tablet or laptop to assist individuals in completing the census. Will they accept multiple completed census forms online if it is coming from the same IP address?**

- Multiple census forms can be completed online from one computer. For example many individuals will rely on computers provided by the libraries to complete the census form for their household.

**Questions about the Census?**

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