



## The census counts every generation.

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone who lives in the country, from newborn babies to the oldest among us. It is important for everyone to complete the 2020 Census so that communities like yours can be accurately funded and represented.

### Responding is important.

The 2020 Census will influence community funding and congressional representation for the next decade. Information collected in the census will inform the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funds for states and communities each year. That includes money for things like:

- › First responders
- › Medicare Part B
- › Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program
- › Libraries and community centers
- › Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- › Senior Community Service Employment Program

### Responding is easy.

Beginning in mid-March 2020, you can respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that is most comfortable for you. Large-print guides to the questionnaire are available upon request. From May - July 2020, census takers will visit households that have not yet responded. A census taker can assist if you need help completing your form.

### Responding is safe.

Your personal information is kept confidential by law. Your responses can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies or used against you by any government agency or court in any way.



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# THE 2020 CENSUS TIPS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS



## Fill out the Census to make sure your loved ones are counted.

### It also helps bring funds directly to programs that affect your friends and family.

When you respond to the census, you help ensure your community gets its fair share of hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds. By using Census Bureau statistics, community planners can get a better idea of where older Americans live, and how close they are to the services they need.

For example, the information you give can help provide funding for:

- > Medicaid and Medicare health insurance programs.
- > Supportive housing for the elderly and for people with disabilities, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.
- > Enforcing laws against age discrimination.
- > Services including adult day care, community center lunches, and home-delivered meals.
- > Nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of individuals and families (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)).
- > Intervention services, emergency medical services, emergency shelters, and counseling for older adults suffering from abuse or neglect.



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How you can help  
your loved ones  
fill out the Census:

- > You do not have to fill out the forms online! Between March 12 and 20, the majority of households will receive an invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. Those who don't answer will then receive the traditional paper form in the mail. If a household still does not respond, the bureau will send a census taker to knock on that door to collect the household's data.
- > Have a friend or family member who needs help filling out their forms? You can help them respond! The census form is available online in English and 12 additional languages. Online, the Bureau has translated web pages and guides into 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, as well as guides in braille and large print.

Worried about  
Census scams  
or fraud?

- > Be especially watchful for impostors in early and mid-spring of 2020 who are looking to gather personal information so they can steal from you.
- > No genuine Census survey or agent can ask for your full Social Security number, for bank, credit card, or account numbers, or for money or donations.
- > Check to make sure that the Census taker has a valid identification badge with their photograph, a Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- > If you still suspect fraud, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360



### Confidentiality

Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Answers can only be used to produce statistics for resource allocation and the protection of your rights - they cannot be used against you in any way or shared with anyone including the FBI, ICE or local law enforcement.



### Tracking

Answers to the 2020 Census WILL NOT be used to track you or your family. Data are used to help support communities and ensure an equitable allocation of resources, and funding.

To learn more about the 2020 Census visit [AARP.org/Census](https://www.aarp.org/Census)

Make a  
difference  
in your  
community.

Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States gets counted in the census—once and in the right place.

Your response helps make sure that more than \$675 billion in federal funds is directed each year to the right places to support education, health care, firefighting services, and more. Many decisions about where to send this money are based on census data. A complete and accurate count is also critical for determining how many representatives each state will have in Congress.

Where you  
are counted  
can shape  
your future.

Learn more at  
[2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV).



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# Count yourself in the right place.

In general, you should count yourself **where you live and sleep most of the time**. But pay special attention if you are:



## Completing Your Household's Form

When responding, count any children, including newborns, who usually live and sleep at your home—even if they're not your own. If they split time evenly between two households, count them where they are on April 1, 2020."



## A Snowbird

Count yourself where you spend most of the year. If you spend time in two places equally, count where you are on April 1, 2020.



## A Renter

Count yourself where you live. Even though you don't own the home, you need to participate. Don't forget your family and roommates.



## A College Student

If you don't live in a dorm, count yourself at your off-campus address—even if you go to your parents' home for school breaks. This includes international students.



## A Service Member

If you don't live in military barracks—and you aren't deployed or stationed outside the United States—count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time, whether on or off base.



## A Resident of a Group Facility

For people in the following living situations on April 1, 2020, Census Bureau employees will work with a representative from your building to ensure you are counted. They may or may not ask you to complete an individual census form.

- College dorms
- Military barracks
- Nursing homes
- Group homes
- Shelters
- Psychiatric facilities
- Correctional facilities

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