

What Is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

Importance of the Data

The 2020 Census will also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. That could mean one less vote for Ohio. **Your Vote Counts!**

The 2020 Census will also determine the spend for hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. That equates to **56 billion dollars** for the State of Ohio.

What's at stake?

- ◆ **New Schools and Head Start**
- ◆ **Medicaid**
- ◆ **New Health Care Clinics**
- ◆ **New Roads**
- ◆ **Seniors Services Programs**



Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions that will impact community needs for more than 100 programs, including school lunches, highway construction, and education.

Ways To Respond

There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census. By **April 1, 2020**, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

1. **Online**
2. **By phone**
3. **By mail**

By mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. **Count Everyone Under Your Roof**

If you are filling out the census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes any friends or family members who are living and sleeping there most of the time.

Your Data is Secure

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. Every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. The U.S. Census Bureau cannot release any personal information to law enforcement agencies.

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