

## **The 2020 United States Census is Coming!**

The US Constitution mandates the federal government to conduct a census every ten years in order to generate an accurate count of all persons living in the United States, Puerto Rico, and all other US territories.

The census data is used to:

Reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives

Redraw congressional, state, and local district boundaries ---redistricting

Determine the need for new roads, hospitals, schools, and other public sector investments

Distribute more \$675 billion in federal funds for states and local communities

Inform businesses about the changing needs of the U.S. population

What's new in 2020? The 2020 Census will be the first to be completed largely **online** ---to help save taxpayers money---but there are four ways to respond: Internet, Phone, Paper, and In-Person.

Households will begin to receive their census invitations in mid-March.

Basically, what the census form wants to know is who is living in your household as of April 1, 2020, the official census date. The Census Bureau does not ask for a Social Security number, bank account information, or information about political party affiliation. The census form will not include any questions about a person's religion or citizenship status.

Taking part in the census is our civic duty. It is a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

For more information, go to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)