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Largely Black areas lag average US Census Self-Response Rates in NC

As of June 22nd, **57.9% of households in NC have responded to the Census.** Census tracts in NC containing 40% or more Black residents had a Census self-response rate of 6.7 percentage points lower than the state average.

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Self-response and overall mail return rates from 2020 (6/18/2020), 2010 by Black population share

	2020			2010	
% Black Residents	Total Self-Response Rate	Online Self-Response Rate	Mail/Phone Self-Response Rate	Self-Response Rate	Mail Return Rate (removes vacants, incorrect addresses)
<10%	60%	49%	11%	67%	84%
10 - 20%	62%	51%	11%	70%	81%
20 - 30%	56%	42%	14%	66%	79%
30 - 40%	55%	39%	16%	66%	78%
40% or more	51%	32%	19%	62%	76%

Source: US Census Bureau

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2020 Self-Response Rate, as of June 18, by Black population share

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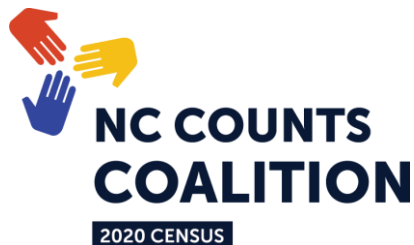
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To help North Carolina achieve a complete and accurate census count, we worked with the [NC Counts Coalition](#) to create a map that identifies communities across the state that are most at-risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census.

[See the map](#)

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Why is a complete and accurate 2020 Census important for North Carolina?

- Directly affects the allocation of \$16.3 billion annually in federal funds for critical public services such as hospitals, schools, road repairs and emergency response services for the next 10 years in North Carolina.
- Provides key decision-makers with the information they need to ensure that government resources are directed strategically to the state's communities.
- Ensures that communities are appropriately represented in the statehouse and in Congress. With an accurate 2020 Census count, North Carolina is prepared to gain a seat in the House of Representatives, increasing its representation from 13 to 14 representatives.
- The first storm of the hurricane season has already impacted North Carolina with Tropical Storm Arthur and COVID-19 relief will be needed for years to come. The US Census Bureau has already begun to generate data to understand the needs of Americans from COVID-19.
- Knowing how many children live in a community will provide the foundation for important policy and planning decisions over the next 10 years. For example, should a community build a new library? A new school? Should it expand Head Start for pre-K children?
- Even just a 3% undercount of North Carolina's children could represent a loss of \$290 Million over the next ten years.
- The Census is the backbone of virtually every data product researchers, governments, and businesses use to understand who we are, how we've changed, and what this might mean for the future.
- Programs that use Census Bureau statistics to help older people include home modification and grants for housing for low-income people over age 65.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, is the second largest federal program tied to census statistics. Other low-income programs contingent
- Several major programs related to Census Bureau statistics help critical citizens, including:
 - Pell Grants
 - Aid for land grant and historically

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- [I'm Rebecca Tippet, a demographer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who uses Census data every week in my work. I'm here with friends from the Population Reference Bureau and the NC Counts Coalition to answer all of your Census-related questions. AMA!](#)

What we're reading

- [CUNY Census Response Rate Map](#)
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- [NPR's Hansi Lo Wang's Census Tip Sheet \(pdf\)](#)
- [How to extract data from a plot in a flat image file](#)
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This work is supported by the [NC Counts Coalition](#), a non-partisan hub that facilitates cross-sector coordination among government, planning and community organizations, service providers, businesses and others to achieve a complete and accurate Census count for North Carolina. Dr. Rebecca Tippet serves on the board of the NC Counts Coalition.



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