

Make sure you & your family count in the
2020 CENSUS

A census is a complete count of all people, and it only happens once every 10 years.



The results last for a decade. When everyone, especially young children, is counted, local communities get the money they need for important things like child care assistance, schools and hospitals. Why? Because population data from the census determine how much federal money cities and states get.

The 2020 Census Matters to You and Your Children

Census materials start arriving in March. The Census takes only about 10 minutes to complete, and they are completely confidential.* **There are no citizenship questions.** Counting everyone in your family for the census can have real benefits for all our children.

Washington State received \$16.7 billion in 2016 based on data from the 2010 census, when an estimated 5% of young children were not counted. That means Washington did not get all of the funding it needs to make sure children and families have what they need to thrive, like child care subsidies, great schools, healthcare and nutritious food.

Plus, the census determines how many representatives the states have in the United States Congress. If we don't count everyone in the 2020 Census, we could lose political influence in Washington, D.C.

* The Census Bureau has one of the strongest privacy guarantees in the federal government. If a Census Bureau employee reveals personal data collected in the census, that person can spend up to 5 years in jail or pay a fine as large as \$250,000.

