

Dear 2020 Census Partners:

I am very grateful for your help asking people to do their Census. Here is the Weekly Update and **I congratulate Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island and San Juan Counties for response numbers all going up!!!** It is because of your help. Please keep announcing, posting, mentioning, promoting this because you want your County to get its share of \$675 Billion. Census data directly affects funding for Roads, Bridges, Transportation, Schools, Community Centers, Pell Grants for College, and Representatives. We have until October 31st to count everyone, but we need to get to 100% response rate now. I am still working at home in Everett and working at Mobile Question and Answer sites (MQAs). I would love to travel, but Covid is still not over. Because of Leaders like you the 2020 Census is still going--as it has been since 1790.

Please share with your networks ... and, as always, thank you for your support.

OPERATIONS SCHEDULE		
Operation	CURRENT SCHEDULE	Status
Self-Response Period	March 12 – Oct. 31	Underway
Field Operations Restart	May 11	Completed
Update Leave	May 11	Completed
Group Quarters (paper and e-response)	April 2 – Sept. 3	Underway
Group Quarters (in-person count)	July 1 – Sept. 3	Underway
<b>NEW DATE</b> Non-Response Follow-Up	July 23 - Oct. 31	Postponed
Transitory Locations	Sept. 3-28	Postponed
Counting the Homeless	Sept. 22-24	Postponed
Mobile Questionnaire Assistance	July 13 – Sept. 18	Underway

**NOTE:** All dates are subject to change based on guidance from local health officials.

**Non-Response Follow-Up Begins This Week in several areas:**

NRFU operations – where census workers go door-to-door to collect information from households that have not self-responded – will begin this week in Pierce County and a small section of southern King County.

NRFU operations are expected to start in all other counties west of the Cascade Mountains on July 30 and in eastern Washington counties on Aug. 11.

Census workers will wear face masks and follow CDC and local health guidelines while going door-to-door. All workers will complete a virtual COVID-19 training program before beginning their work.

**What to Expect**

Census workers, who are hired from the local community, will visit non-responding households and interview residents to collect census information. All census workers speak English and many are bilingual. If a census worker does not speak a householder's language, they will have materials to help identify the correct language and assist the person to answer the census. If no one is home during the visit, the census worker will leave a notice on the door with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

### How To Identify Workers

Census workers will have a valid government ID with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date on the badge (example below). They will also have a census bag and an iPad or mobile phone with them.

Anyone wishing to confirm a census worker's identity can call the Los Angeles Regional Census Office at 213.314.6500.

Examples:



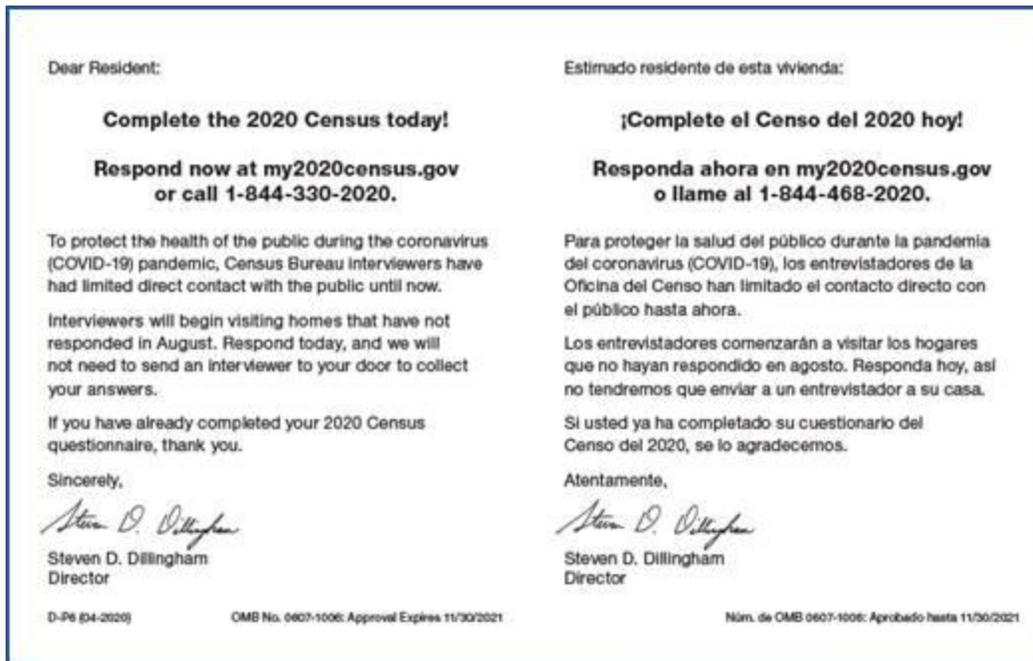
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### Other Updates

- **Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers (MQAs).** Census workers began offering MQAs to help people answer the census in various counties across the state on July 13. Selected locations are high-traffic areas in specific Census Bureau-identified low-response areas. The MQA operation is expected to continue until Sept. 18.
- **Non-decennial Field Operations.** The Census Bureau plans to restart non-decennial field operations this month in selected states. These operations support the many annual surveys conducted by the Census Bureau such as the American Community Survey. All field operations will be based on local conditions and public health guidelines. The bureau will update this [map](#) every week showing where these non-decennial operations will occur.
- **Homeless Count.** The count of people experiencing homelessness has been confirmed for Sept. 22-24. Specially trained census workers will count people at shelters, soup kitchens, regularly scheduled mobile food vans, and locations previously identified where people are known to sleep outdoors (such as parks) or all-night businesses (such as transit centers). People will be counted where they are staying when census workers conduct the count.
- **Reminder #6.** Between July 22-28, reminder postcards will be sent to households that were invited via the mail to answer the census but have not responded yet. This mailing will NOT include households that had an invitation left at their doors, for example, rural addresses and residences with PO boxes. A sample of the postcard is below.



- **No Invitation Received.** Now that that Update Leave operation is completed in Washington, some residents might be worried that they were missed. At this point we are urging every residence in the state to answer the census whether they received an invitation or not. People who did not receive an invitation should call 844.330.2020 to not only answer the questions but make sure their residence is included in our database.
- **Wi-Fi Hotspots.** Looking for a place in your community to access the internet? Check out the state's [interactive location map](#) that shows free drive-in Wi-Fi hotspots around the state. Access is free for all residents. While most Wi-Fi hotspots are in parking lots, some are inside.
- **Census Extension.** The Census Bureau has officially requested statutory relief from Congress to add 120 calendar days to the requirement to deliver final apportionment counts. Under this request, the bureau would extend field data collection and self-response to Oct. 31, which would result in data to be delivered to the president by April 30, 2021, and to the states no later

than July 31, 2021. This is just a request and must be approved by Congress before any change to operations is made.

- **Questions about ZIP Codes.** Some people have asked why their mailing addresses do not seem to match where they live. The Census Bureau does not use mailing address for a residence to assign housing units to the proper political jurisdiction or census geography. Instead, the bureau uses the physical location of a housing unit to assign it to the proper geographic area. The bureau recognizes that the post office “city” names associated with a ZIP may differ from the legal municipality or district in which the housing unit is actually located. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Census Phone Calls.** Occasionally, the Census Bureau follows up with phone calls to ask questions about completed questionnaires. This is done to make sure no one is left off the census or is counted more than once. These phone calls are conducted by a contractor to the bureau called Maximus. If you think you missed a call from the Census Bureau or received a call but want to confirm it is legitimate, please call 844.809.7717 (English) or 844.809.7718 (Spanish).
- **COVID-19.** The U.S. Census Bureau is carefully monitoring the COVID-19 virus and is following the guidance of federal, state, and local health authorities. We appreciate your support and patience as operations are adjusted.

### Faith Weekend of Action – July 24-26

A nationwide Faith Weekend of Action is scheduled this week from July 24-26; details can be found [here](#). Faith-based organizations across the country will help promote the census and encourage their congregations to answer the census now.

A special toolkit for faith organizations is available [here](#).

PSAs from faith leaders can be found [here](#).

### 2020 Response Rate Map

In case you missed it, Washington state reached the final 2010 self-response rate on June 29 when 67.2% of all households in the state had answered the census! We became only the second state in the country to reach this important milestone!

Track your community’s self-response progress on the [2020 Response Rate Map](#). Live data is updated every day about noon. Please note that the 2020 map data does NOT include anyone counted via the group quarters or transitory locations operations, and other special operations in remote or certain tribal areas. It also does not include responses collected during the non-response follow-up operation.

**As of Sunday, July 19 the response rate for the entire state was 67.5%, meaning that 67.5% of all households have answered the census.**

Top 20 Response Rates by County (as of July 19)		
1	Clark County	71.6%
2	King County	71.4%
3	Benton County	71.1%
4	Snohomish County (tied)	70.7%
	Spokane County (tied)	70.7%
6	Kitsap County	70.6%

7	Thurston County	70.5%
8	Whatcom County	68.9%
9	Asotin County	68.5%
10	Pierce County	67.5%
11	Walla Walla County	67.2%
12	Cowlitz County	67.1%
13	Clallam County	66.7%
14	Island County	65.7%
15	Franklin County	63.2%
16	Skagit County	62.5%
7	Jefferson County <sup>1</sup>	62.4%
18	Yakima County	61.8%
19	Lewis County	59.8%
20	Douglas County	59.3%

**Congratulations to Spokane and Wahkiakum counties for reaching their 2010 response rate milestones! More than 44% of the state has reached this important milestone.**

Counties That Have Surpassed 2010 Rate					
	County	Current Rate	2010 Rate	Increase	Date Reached
1	Jefferson County	62.4%	55.7%	6.7%	May 1
2	Kitsap County	70.6%	66.3%	4.3%	May 6
3	Island County	65.7%	62.1%	3.6%	May 8
4	Thurston County	70.5%	68.1%	2.4%	May 13
5	Clark County	71.6%	69.5%	2.1%	May 14
6	Clallam County	66.7%	63.6%	3.1%	May 18
7	Whatcom County	68.9%	67.6%	1.3%	May 29
8	Cowlitz County	67.1%	66.4%	.7%	June 4
9	King County	71.4%	70.3%	1.1%	June 7
10	Snohomish County	70.7%	69.7%	1%	June 7
11	Mason County	49.8%	48.5%	1.3%	June 10
12	Pierce County	67.5%	66.7%	.8%	June 14
13	Lewis County	59.8%	58.5%	1.3%	June 14
14	Grays Harbor County	54.5%	52.7%	1.8%	June 14
15	San Juan County	39.6%	38.4%	1.2%	June 15
16	Spokane County	70.7%	70.4%	.3%	June 24
17	Wahkiakum County	52.9%	52.6%	.3%	June 28

Dear Resident:

**Complete the 2020 Census today!**

**Respond now at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)  
or call 1-844-330-2020.**

To protect the health of the public during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Census Bureau interviewers have had limited direct contact with the public until now.

Interviewers will begin visiting homes that have not responded in August. Respond today, and we will not need to send an interviewer to your door to collect your answers.

If you have already completed your 2020 Census questionnaire, thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham  
Director

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Estimado residente de esta vivienda:

**¡Complete el Censo del 2020 hoy!**

**Responda ahora en [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)  
o llame al 1-844-468-2020.**

Para proteger la salud del público durante la pandemia del coronavirus (COVID-19), los entrevistadores de la Oficina del Censo han limitado el contacto directo con el público hasta ahora.

Los entrevistadores comenzarán a visitar los hogares que no hayan respondido en agosto. Responda hoy, así no tendremos que enviar a un entrevistador a su casa.

Si usted ya ha completado su cuestionario del Censo del 2020, se lo agradecemos.

Atentamente,

Steven D. Dillingham  
Director

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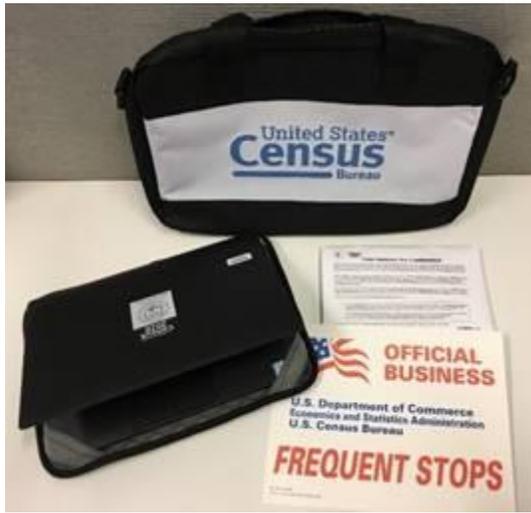
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