



CENSUS FAQ

Every 10 years, the U.S. counts every person living in the country through a national census. The results inform how funding is distributed for things like our schools, affordable housing, hospitals, and public transportation for the next decade. The count also determines how many representatives we'll have in Congress.

What is the census?

It's how we count people living in the country—every resident, regardless of immigration status.

Is there a citizenship question?

No—the census has NO question about citizenship or immigration status.

Why is it important for the government to count people?

It's how the government knows where money is needed—for things like hospitals, schools, affordable housing, and transportation. It also determines how many representatives Washington state will have in Congress.

Why should I participate in the census?

When you complete the census, you make sure our community is fully represented in the data that determines how we're funded and represented. Your participation helps your tax dollars come back to your community.

When is the census happening?

Starting March 12, people will receive letters in the mail with information about how to complete the census. You can complete it online through July 31. If you don't have internet access or need help, there are places in your community to get support.

Who should be counted?

Every person living in your household as of April 1, 2020 should be counted on the census form. This includes children and babies born as of April 1 up to senior citizens, relatives and non-relatives, regardless of immigration status. If someone in your household spends time in more than one home, they should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time.

How do I complete the census?

The easiest way to complete the census is online at **2020census.gov**. You can also complete it over the phone or with a paper form.

Where do I go for more information?

Visit **2020census.gov** or call the Census Bureau's toll-free help line, listed on the back of this sheet.



**WE'RE HERE.
WE COUNT.**

After March 1, call for help:

LANGUAGE LINE

TOLL-FREE NUMBER

English		844-330-2020
Spanish	Español	844-468-2020
Chinese (Mandarin)	普通话	844-391-2020
Chinese (Cantonese)	广东话	844-398-2020
Vietnamese	Tiếng Việt	844-461-2020
Korean	한국어	844-392-2020
Russian	Русский	844-417-2020
Arabic	العربية	844-416-2020
Tagalog	Tagalog	844-478-2020
Polish	Polski	844-479-2020
French	Français	844-494-2020
Haitian Creole	Kreyòl	844-477-2020
Portuguese	Português	844-474-2020
Japanese	日本語	844-460-2020
Telephone Display Device (TDD)		844-467-2020