Census 2020

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What is the Census?

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The Census is a constitutionally mandated count of all people residing in the US

All people regardless of race, faith tradition, immigration status or economic status are counted

The Census occurs every 10 years

What does the Census determine?

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Healthcare

WIC

Number of hospital beds

SNAP

Head Start

Americorps

$800 Billion in Federal Funding

Annually

Section 8 Housing Vouchers

Free lunch programs

Classroom sizes

Food Security

Income security

Voting Access

What is at stake? Political Representation

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Census data is used to

- **Redistribute seats** in the House of Representative according to state population (change how many representatives a states has)
- **Redraw** congressional and legislative districts

We all count in the eyes of God.

Let us count in the eyes of the government.

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Who is undercounted in the Census?

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Historically, these communities have been undercounted:

- African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and Native Americans
- Households with low incomes
- Immigrants and individuals with low English-language proficiency
- Renters
- Residents who live in non-traditional housing
- Rural residents
- Highly mobile residents, such as farmworkers
- Very young children aged 0-4

3,800,000 Latinos
3,700,000 African Americans
2,200,000 children

Not counted in 2010

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How You Will Respond to Census?

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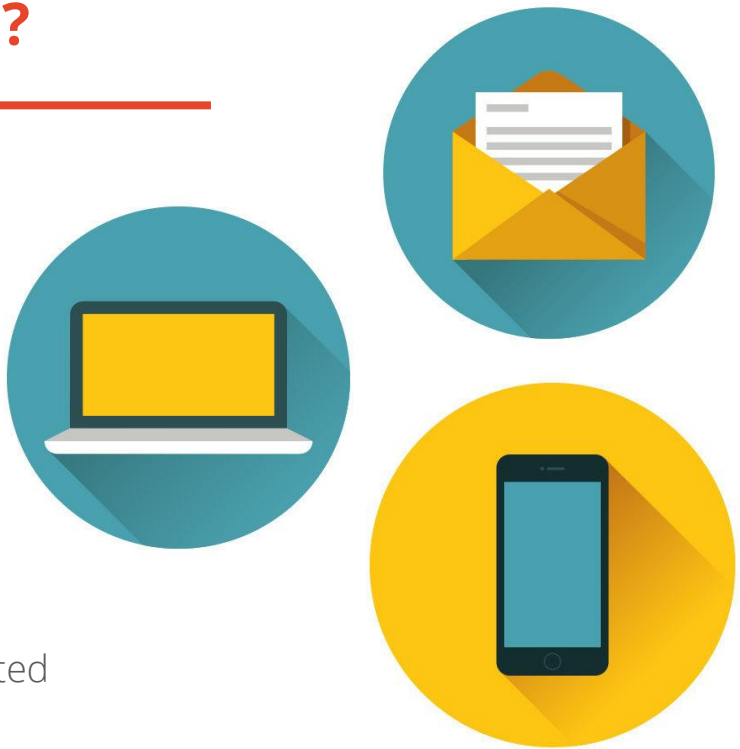
Self-response Start March 2020, after receiving invitation by mail

- Online
- Over the phone
- Mailed paper form

In-person Interviews if self-response is not submitted

- Census workers visit transitory housing (hotels, campgrounds, shelters) Start March 2020
- Census workers visit residences if no self-response is submitted Start May 2020



***Only one person should complete the Census for the whole household.**

Who is counted?

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Every person living in the United States!

Each person is counted where they are living on April 1, 2020 (whether they are direct family of the respondent or not)

Including:

- Babies and children
- People in foster care
- People in incarceration
- Immigrants without legal status
- College and university students
- People nursing homes

When is the 2020 Census?

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March 2020 – Self-Response

April 1, 2020 – Census Day

March-April 2020 – Transitory and Group Residence Counts (hotels, colleges, campgrounds, shelters)

May 2020 – Census Workers begin in-person follow up

Summer 2020 – Census Ends

December 2020 – Official count is submitted to Congress and White House

***If you do not want a Census Worker to knock on your door, you must fill out a Self-Response form**

What will the Census ask? Selected example questions

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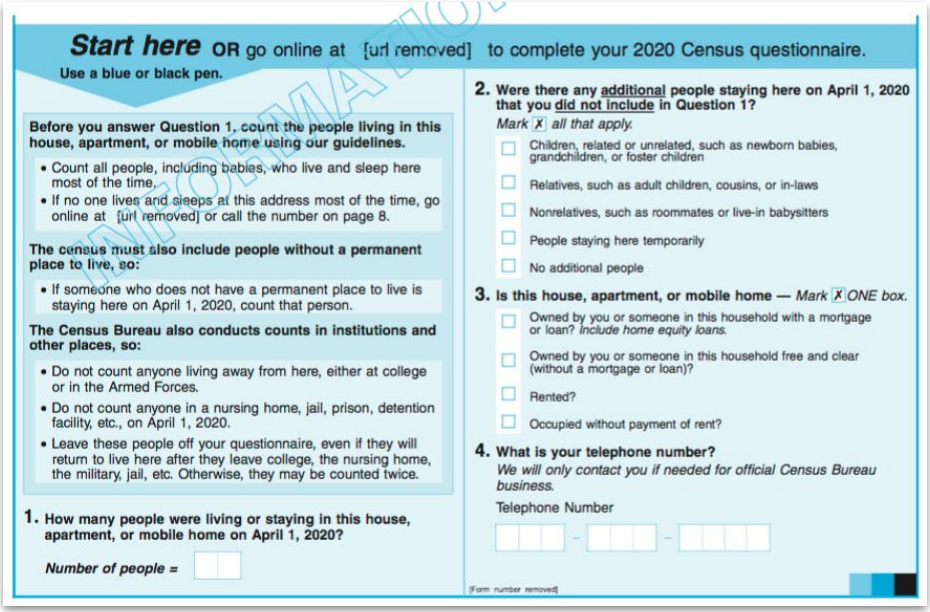
How many people are living or staying here on April 1, 2020?

Do you own or rent your residence?

Each person's sex, age, date of birth, and race.

Each person's relation (spouse, sibling, roomate) to the respondent.



Start here OR go online at [url removed] to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.

Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at [url removed] or call the number on page 8.

The census must also include people without a permanent place to live, so:

- If someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from here, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?

Mark ☒ all that apply.

- ☐ Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- ☐ Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- ☐ Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- ☐ People staying here temporarily
- ☐ No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — *Mark ☒ ONE box.*

- ☐ Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*
- ☐ Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- ☐ Rented?
- ☐ Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number?

We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number

[Form number removed]

https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/2020.html

Will it ask a question about citizenship?

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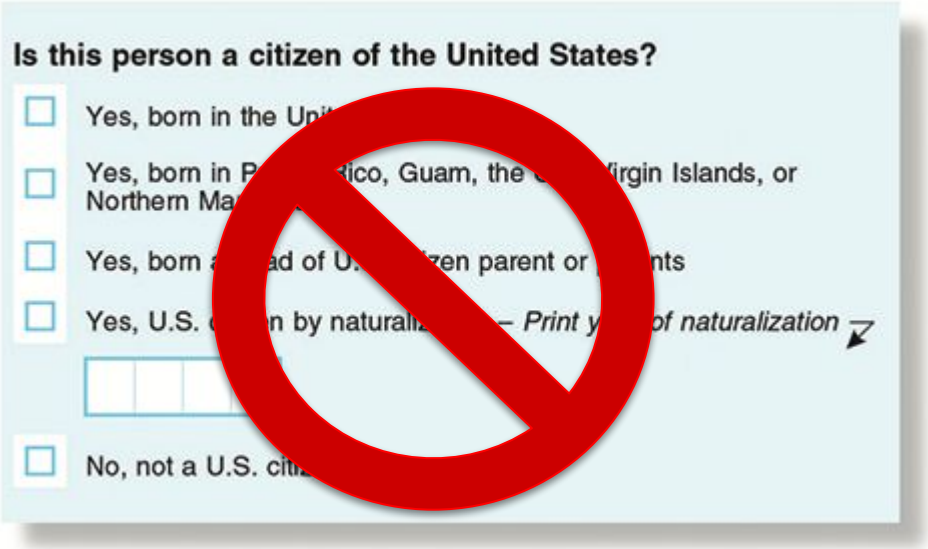
No.

As a result of the June 27th Supreme Court ruling, there will be no citizenship question.



What will the Census and Census Takers NOT ask?

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- Citizenship Status
- Voter Status
- Political Party
- Social Security Number
- Bank Account Information
- Place of work

Is the Census confidential?

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Responses are secure and encrypted. Responses are not shared with other government agencies.

Title 13 of the U.S. Code: census data can only be used for statistical purposes, meaning personal information cannot be used against respondents in court or by a government agency.

Title 44 of the U.S. Code: Personal census information cannot be disclosed for 72 years.

Census Bureau staff who have access to personal information are sworn for life to protect confidentiality. Penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to 5 years imprisonment and $250,000 fine.

The Census: From Exclusion to Equality

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We the People of the
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution
Article I

- First designed as a tool to distribute political power and public money unequally and unjustly:
  - Counted every white person as a full person
  - Counted enslaved people of African descent as ⅗ of a person
  - Did not count Native Americans at all
- **We want to ensure that all people, regardless of race, age, or immigration status are counted so we have a fair and accurate count.**

Why is this a faithful issue? Dignity

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We believe that all people, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status, are made in God's image. **Our God-given dignity demands recognition.**

What we declare when we answer the Census is that we are here, and we are part of "we the people" and **we refuse to be excluded**.

Fear not is the most often repeated phrase in Hebrew and Christian scripture-- repeated 365 times. **Do not be afraid to state your presence.**

Why is this a faithful issue? Community

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You count in this country. Your work and your contribution to the common good and common ground, moves beyond the walls of where we worship.

Your voice matters. Your communities, your schools, your children need you to be counted to receive the right economic apportionment.

We must work together and do everything in our power to make sure that everyone in our local communities are counted so we all can **get the resources we deserve.**

Why is this a faithful issue? Democracy

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By completing the Census and encouraging our communities do so, **we claim our rightful representation** and fulfill our responsibility to our neighbors and future generations.

The truth is that being counted contributes to the strengthening of the democracy. **If we are undercounted, they are taking away our voices** from our democracy and our rights.

As **spiritual and moral** people, to participate in our democracy is to be counted.

Get involved!

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Be a Faith Census Ambassador!

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Faith Census Ambassadors are trusted messengers in the community who help spread the message that the 2020 Census is just around the corner.

When you sign up to be an ambassador, you'll work directly with Faith in Public Life to ensure your community has the information and resources it needs to be counted.

Sign up at
www.faithinpubliclife.org/census

Any questions?

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