



## Census 2020

Once every decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. The goal is to count everyone once, and only once, and in the right place.

**The next Census begins in April 2020.**

## It Matters

Census 2020 is Ohio's chance to make sure that every individual is counted and has a voice. This opportunity to count the population only comes once every decade and shapes how Ohio spends and operates for the next 10 years.

- It's **easy**; the Census asks you questions about you such as your name and birthday. It typically takes around 10 minutes to complete.
- It's **safe**; all Census responses are kept confidential and cannot be shared - even with law enforcement. All responses are encrypted.
- It's **important**; it determines the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funding to local communities like yours. The count also guides where new schools and hospitals are needed and where to add public safety resources.

## How to Respond

Beginning mid-March, every household should receive a postcard in the mail to participate in Census 2020. Once you have the postcard, you can submit your information either:

- Online
- Over the phone
- By mail

### Census Day is April 1, 2020.

One person fills out the Census for the entire household, including all family members or roommates. You should include anyone who regularly lives and sleeps at the house on your form. If you are unsure where your household members live regularly, count where they stayed on April 1, 2020.

If you miss the initial postcard in the mail, you will receive follow up reminders. Please fill out your Census form as soon as you can.



*Ohio is projected to lose at least one seat in Congress after the 2020 Census. That is one less voice to share our Ohio values and policy interests in national decision-making. Census 2020 is the most important thing we can do together.*

**– Ohio Complete Count Commission Member**

## Accessibility

Census 2020 is accessible for everyone. If you respond online or over the phone, the form will be available in over 12 languages and has video accessibility for American Sign Language.

## Safety

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect the privacy and confidentiality of everyone who responds to the Census. Your responses are combined with other responses to produce statistical summaries.

The Census Bureau will **never** ask for your social security number or bank account information.

Any identifiable information about an individual or household cannot be shared for 72 years. These protections ensure the personal information you provide cannot be used against you in any way. Your personal information will not be shared with other law enforcement, including DHS, ICE, FBI, CIA or police departments.

The Census Bureau encrypts all responses submitted online and stored in its computers. Only verified Census officials have access to this information.

The Census has immense impacts for the country if not done correctly. Projections are based on the decennial count, and if not done properly the count has exponential repercussions.



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*Our Goal: Make sure every Ohioan is counted.*