



Ways To Respond

There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census.



By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- Online.
- By phone.
- By mail.

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census.

Sample Copy of the 2020 Census Invitation Letter

This is a sample of the invitation letter households will receive inviting them to respond to the 2020 Census online. This version excludes the URL, Census ID, and contact information.

Dear Resident:

This is your invitation to respond to the **2020 Census**. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at this address.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency readiness needs.
- Determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

Respond by April 1 at [url removed]	Your Census ID is: [Census ID removed]
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The Census Bureau is using the internet to securely collect your information. Responding online helps us conserve natural resources, save taxpayer money, and process data more efficiently. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, we will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free [phone number removed].

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham
Director

Enclosures

Mensaje importante: Para completar su cuestionario del Censo del 2020, visite [url removed] o llame gratis al [phone number removed].



The Census Will Never Ask Certain Questions

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will *never* ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate. For more information, visit [Avoiding Fraud and Scams](https://2020census.gov/en/avoiding-fraud.html).

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How the Census Bureau Protects Your Data

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

Our Legal Duty To Protect Your Information

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court, including ICE, DHS, FBI or CIA.

The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.

Data Protection and Privacy Program

Being responsible stewards of your data is not only required by law, it is embedded in Census Bureau culture. Strict policies and statistical safeguards help protect the confidentiality of your information. Before releasing data products, the Census Bureau verifies that they meet its confidentiality standards.

Secure Technology

From the beginning of the data collection process, the Census Bureau follows industry best practices and federal requirements to protect your data.

The security of Census Bureau systems is a top priority, and our IT infrastructure is designed to defend against and contain cyberthreats. We continually refine our approach to identifying, preventing, detecting, and responding to these threats.

Importance of the Data

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, distribute hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.



Impact in Your Community

School lunches. Plans for highways. Support for firefighters and families in need. Census results affect your community every day.

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.



Counting Young Children

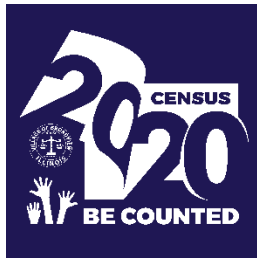
It is important to remember to [count any children](#) who are living with you. This includes:

- All children who live in your home, including foster children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends (even if they are living with you temporarily).
- Children who split their time between homes, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.
- Newborn babies, even those who are born on April 1, 2020, or who are still in the hospital on this date.



If you have children in your home, make sure they are counted in the right place.

- The general rule is: Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents do not live there.
- If you've just had a baby, and your baby is still in the hospital on Census Day (April 1, 2020), then count your baby at the home where he or she will live and sleep most of the time.
- If children spend time in more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, or if you do not know where they stay most often, count them where they are staying on April 1, 2020.
- If you are helping to take care of a friend's or family member's child, and the child does not have a permanent place to live, count the child if he or she is staying with you on April 1, 2020—even if it's only temporary.



2020 Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

Find Pay Rates Near You

Pay rates and work hours can vary by position and location. Select your state (or Puerto Rico) and county (or municipio) below to find the pay rates in your area. You can find area census office locations [here](#).

SELECT STATE	SELECT COUNTY
Illinois	Cook County

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PAY RATES PER HOUR

\$26.50 - \$29.50

* The pay rate above represents the range of pay rates for both office and census taker positions. Census takers also receive reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses, where applicable.

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- Chicago Far Southwest Now Open
- Chicago South Now Open
- Cook County NW Now Open
- Cook County South Now Open
- Skokie Now Open



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