

*The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.*

## What Will I Be Asked?

As required by the Census Act, the U.S. Census Bureau submitted a list of questions to Congress on March 29, 2018. Based on those questions, the 2020 Census will ask:

1. **How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020.** This will help us count the country's population, and ensure that we count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day.
2. **Whether the home is owned or rented.** This will help us produce statistics about homeownership and renters. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.
3. **About the sex of each person in the household.** This allows us to create statistics about males and females, which can be used in planning and funding government programs. These data can also be used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.
4. **About the age of each person in the household.** Similar to recording the sex of each person, the U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use these data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older populations.
5. **About the race of each person in the household.** This allows us to create statistics about race and to present other statistics by racial groups. These data help federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as under the Voting Rights Act and Civil Rights Act.
6. **About whether a person in the household is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.** These responses help create statistics about this ethnic group. This is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those under the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.
7. **About the relationship of each person in the household to one central person.** This allows the Census Bureau to create estimates about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data are used in planning and funding government programs that support families, including people raising children alone, and other households that qualify for additional assistance.

### 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 asks you for one of these things, you may be the target or victim of a scam. For more information, visit: <https://2020census.gov/en/avoiding-fraud.html>*

### Am I Required to Respond to the Census?

Yes, all people living in the United States, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

### Why It's Required

- Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. That's why your response is required by law. If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect the information.
- Why is the census so important? The results are used to determine how many seats your state gets in Congress. State and local officials also use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts, and school districts.
- And just as you are required by law to participate, the Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers. Your responses are used only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.

### What Happens to My Answers?

- Your personal information is kept confidential. We are bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data are used only for statistical purposes.
- We combine your responses with information from other households to produce these statistics, which never identify your household or any person in your household.