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United States®  
**Census  
2020**

The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years of everyone residing in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas of the United States. This includes people of all ages, citizens, and noncitizens.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Census Bureau does not share personal information with immigration enforcement agencies.

### **MORE THAN \$12 BILLION IS AT STAKE**

How does responding to the Census benefit me and my neighborhood? In South Carolina, each person represents \$809 in Federal funding (in Georgia, it's \$708, in North Carolina it's \$988). The five Federal Medical Assistance Programs that comprise this number are Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Title IV-E Foster Care, Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, and the Child Care and Development Fund. There are additional Federal funds for other programs that aren't directly tied to an individual. Overall, there are more than \$675 billion in Federal funds distributed back to tribal, state and local governments based on census numbers. For a fuller explanation of the fiscal counts to SC by a Census undercount see [Counting for Dollars 2020](#).

## REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

The data collected by the census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives; in South Carolina, an undercount could lose us one seat.

## WHAT ARE THE CENSUS QUESTIONS?

The Census 2020 asks a small number of questions: Nine for the first person who starts filling out the form in the house, apartment or mobile home – and seven for each subsequent person. This includes people who do not have a permanent place to live that are staying there on 1 April 2020. Previous “long” forms are no longer used – they are gone, gone, gone!

### The Census 2020 questions are:

1. How many people live or stay in this place?
2. Were there any additional people staying on 1 April 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?
3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home owned or rented?
4. What is your telephone number?
5. Please provide Person 1’s name (first MI last)
6. What is Person 1’s sex (MF)
7. What is Person 1’s age and date of birth?
8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
9. What is Person 1’s race?

(for full wording, see <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>)

### For more than one person staying there, answer these questions (per person):

1. Print Name of Person 2 (same questions through all other persons) (first MI last)
2. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?
3. How is this person related to Person 1?
4. What is this person’s sex? (MF)
5. What is this person’s age and date of birth?
6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
7. What is this person’s race?

The 2020 Census allows you to respond online, by phone, or by mail. The online response is through a secure application, as is the smart phone application. The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

<https://myresourceguide.org/census-2020/>

## Language, literacy and having trouble filling out census forms:

There are resources available in many languages to help those who speak English as another language understand the instructions on the forms, and there will be facilitators available at community locations (such as the public libraries) to help people understand what information they need to complete the census.

## Other ways the Census data will be used:

In forecasting future transportation, schools, hospitals and associated healthcare services, fire departments and social services and emergency response needs; designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly and children; determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans.

## BEWARE OF SCAMS

It is unfortunately typical that during the time of the Census that scammers and fraudsters use the 2020 Census as a ruse to gain financial and identity information from a household. It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

## What is a Complete Count Committee?

State and local governments, businesses and community leaders form Complete Count Committees to encourage participation in their community. We have one, which developed an outreach plan tailored to the unique characteristics of our county.

## CENSUS-RELATED JOBS:

There are a number of field jobs for hourly positions paid weekly. To apply for those positions, applicants need to use a smart phone or computer, have an email address and access [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). In addition, applicants must have a valid Social Security card, be 18 years of age by the hire date, and be a U.S. citizen. They must also pass a background check with fingerprints, if selected.

## HARD-TO-COUNT GROUPS AND AREAS:

Since each person counted provides \$809+ of services to those who need it most, specific groups and areas will have targeted campaigns to encourage maximum participation. For example, children under the age of five have been historically undercounted. African-Americans have been consistently undercounted at both state and county levels as well as areas which have a high turnover of residents. Asians, Hispanics, and those in and near poverty also are hard-to-count. Recently incarcerated or in pre-trial confinement are less likely to respond to the Census. In particular, 65 and older without access to the internet and without a vehicle also are less likely to be counted.

Faith-based organizations are key trusted institutions to reach those who have been historically undercounted. Businesses such as EBT-accepting corner stores, nail salons, hair places, ABC liquor stores, and laundromats are important for outreach.

### THOSE LESS LIKELY TO BE COUNTED

- Children < 5
- African-Americans
- Areas with high turnover
- Asians
- Hispanics
- Those in & near poverty
- Recently incarcerated
- Pre-trial confinement
- Adults 65 and older without access to the internet and without a vehicle

## WHEN IS THE CENSUS?

The Census goes “live” April of 2020. Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once received, you can respond online. In May, the Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven’t responded to the census. This is time-consuming and expensive, and we’d like to minimize this in Anderson County.

### CENSUS MAILING TIMELINE

- March 12-20: Invitation to respond online
  - March 16-24: Reminder letter
- If you haven't responded yet:***
- March 26-April 3: Reminder postcard
  - April 8-16: Reminder letter and paper questionnaire
  - April 20-27: Final reminder postcard before we follow up in person

## WHERE CAN I GO TO LEARN MORE?

Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or our website: <https://myresourceguide.org/census-2020/>

