

# HOW YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Census Data's Impact on Congressional Representation

## WHO CARES ABOUT THE CENSUS?

YOU should!

The federal government uses the data from the U.S. Census to determine how much funding a state will receive for various programs as well as how much representation your area will have in the government.

If you are not counted in the Census, your community and neighborhood could be negatively impacted!

## WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

The U.S. Constitution states that a count of people should be taken every ten years to determine the number of representatives a state should have in Congress.

### What does this mean?

Using Census data, the federal government will be able to:

- Decide the number of seats each state will have in Congress
- Identify district line boundaries within the state
- Inform representatives as they address future needs/issues for the communities they serve

### Does any of this affect you, your children, your family, or your community?

If your community is undercounted, it won't have fair representation when important decisions are made.

Make sure you and your family are counted in the 2020 Census. Participate in the brief survey so that the government can fairly represent you in Congress and focus on your needs.

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*"2020 Census: Counting Everyone Once, Only Once, and in the Right Place"*

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## THE CENSUS AFFECTS LOCAL NEEDS

Census data is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. In turn, these representatives use data from the U.S. Census to consider future needs in their communities and think through potential solutions. Furthermore, this data directly impacts funding for your local programming. Without a proper count of the population, the state will not be correctly represented in the federal government and your community will not have the voice it needs. *That is why it is important for you to participate!*



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