

2020 CENSUS

Be Counted and Be Protected

Your responses to the Census are confidential and safeguarded by law.¹

- The Census Bureau cannot disclose information that identifies people who respond to the Census.
- Census responses cannot be used for immigration enforcement or law enforcement.
- Census Bureau employees swear an oath to uphold laws protecting the confidentiality of Census information under the threat of criminal penalty.
- Individual Census responses will not be shared with housing providers or landlords.

WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS

- **Online or over the phone:** You can complete the census questionnaire online or over the phone in 13 languages.
- **By mail:** A paper census form will be mailed to your home.
- **In person:** Visit any library branch in New York City to fill out a census form at a secure kiosk. Or attend a pop-up event sponsored by the City or a community organization where volunteers will be able to assist you. Find more information about events in your neighborhood at www.newyorkcounts2020.org.

In most areas, census outreach workers will begin knocking on doors after **May 13, 2020** to ask people to participate if they have not responded. Census workers will give you their badge number.

WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THE 2020 CENSUS?²

FUNDING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Census data is the basis for distributing to states nearly \$900 billion in federal resources for programs such as Medicaid, Section 8 housing, SNAP, and school lunch programs.

ELECTORAL POWER

Congressional seats (and Electoral College votes) are assigned based on population data from the Census. In 1950, New York had 45 congressional seats. New York is now down to 27, most recently losing 2 seats as a result of the 2010 Census.

States and municipalities use census data to draw electoral district lines.

¹ For more details, see the Brennan Center for Justice's "Federal Laws That Protect Census Confidentiality," available at <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/federal-laws-protect-census-confidentiality>

² Information provided by New York Immigration Coalition. Find more information at www.nyic.org

RESPECT

Getting counted makes our communities visible, including those who do not have access to the ballot box.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CENSUS SCAMS

2020 Census outreach workers will NOT:³

- Ask for money or donations.
- Ask for your full Social Security number, credit card number, or bank account number.
- Ask you your immigration status.
- Ask for your mother's maiden name or other security questions.
- Promote a political party.
- Threaten to arrest you (You can be fined, but not arrested, for refusing to answer the Census).
- Send you unsolicited emails or email you a link to fill out the census online.
- Use any URL besides "census.gov".
- Send you paper forms that have a return address other than Jefferson, Indiana.
- Come to your home **before May 13**.
- Ask you to come outside of your house.
- Refuse to show their Census badge or provide badge number.

Organizations like the NYCLU, the New York Immigration Coalition, and other community partners are on the lookout for any attempt to misuse Census data to hurt New Yorkers.

Questions? Concerns? Email: 2020Census@nyclu.org.

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