



## Census 2020

The U.S. Constitution requires that every 10 years **every person living in the country, regardless of immigration status, is counted**. Your census information is strictly confidential, and your answers cannot be shared with any other government agency.

### How does the Census Bureau use the data it collects?

- To **determine** how many representatives each state gets in Congress.
- To **determine** how billions of federal government resources will be distributed each year.
- To **provide** funding for educational, health, and social programs available in your community.
- To **increase** funding for early care and pre-school programs in your community.

### The Challenge

- Latinos and African-Americans are typically undercounted.
- Children ages 0-5 are commonly missed in the census.
- Each person that is not counted costs your community nearly \$1,091/year in health and human services programs alone (Reamer, 2018).

### Why participate in the Census?

- **Participate** in the 2020 Census in order to sustain or increase early care and preschool programs in your community.
- **Ensure** your community receives the funds needed for educational, health, and social programs.
- Businesses use the census to determine where to open and invest, so **census data leads to jobs locally**.

## Take Action



**Complete** (online or by mail) the census form as soon as you receive it.



**Ask** for help if you need it.



**Report** everyone in your household including all children ages 0-5 that live with you.



**Collaborate** with census staff.\*



**Talk** to your family members or friends about the importance of participating in the census.

\*You can ask for identification before allowing them in your house. When in doubt, you can call **Los Angeles Regional Office** for verification at 1-800-992-3530 (Office hours: M-F 8 am to 4:30 pm).

## Frequently Asked Questions

**“My baby was recently born and has not yet turned 1, should I count them on the census form?”**

Yes, you should report all babies in the household regardless of age (report age as 0).

**“I am a grandparent and my grandchild lives with me, should I count them on the census form?”**

Yes, you should count all children who live with you (even those that are not related to you).

**“I just arrived in California with my wife and 2 children, should we complete the census?”**

Yes, all people who live in the United States should be counted, including children.

**“My friend and his family are living in my house. Should I count them on the census?”**

Yes, you must count all people who live with you (even those that are not related to you).

**In my house there are 5 adults and 4 children, is there enough room for all of us on the census form?**

You can provide detailed information for 6 people and basic information for 6 more.

**My child lives with me for a certain amount of time and then lives with the other parent for the rest of the time, where should they be counted?**

The child should be counted where she lives and sleeps most of the time. If they stay at each residence equal amounts of time, you and the other parent should decide who will count the child.

## Help Needed?

### California Census

<https://census.ca.gov/>

### NALEO

<http://www.naleo.org/census>

### Los Angeles Regional Census Office

The Los Angeles Regional Office is responsible for all data collection, data dissemination, and geographic operations under the current service area boundaries. For questions and verifications, you can call the Los Angeles Regional Office at 1-800-992-3530.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

## Census Field Representatives

Here are some recognition tips to ensure the validity of a United States Census Bureau, Field Representative. When visiting your home, the representative must:

- Present an ID Badge, which contains: a photograph of the Field Representative, a Department of Commerce watermark, and expiration date.
- Provide you with their supervisor's contact information and/or the regional office phone number for verification, if asked.
- Provide a letter from the Director of Census Bureau on a U.S. Census Bureau letterhead.
- May carry a laptop or bag with the Census Bureau logo.

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