

## RECENSEMENT 2020

# You can respond to the 2020 Census in French

The 2020 Census is important, and your community is counting on you. The census counts everyone living in the U.S., including children and newborn babies, immigrants, grandparents, and roommates. When you respond, please include everyone who lives in your home or sleeps there most of the time, even if they are not relatives.

Your response helps direct public funds to schools, health clinics and hospitals, emergency services, public transportation, roads, and more in your community.

Your response to the 2020 Census is confidential and protected by law. By law, your responses and personal information cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies — not the FBI, ICE, or even local police. It's against the law for us to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

Responding to the census is easier than ever. For the first time, households can choose to **respond online or by phone in French**. Beginning in mid-March, households will receive an invitation to participate in the census. The invitation will include instructions in French that explain how to select languages online and provide a phone number for responding in French (844-494-2020).

By mid-April, all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire. For instructions on how to respond to the English paper questionnaire in French, you can access a **2020 Census language guide** at <<https://2020census.gov/fr.html>>. A video guide that explains how to respond online in French will also be available.

Beginning in mid-May, **census takers** will visit all households that have not yet responded. If the census taker who visits doesn't speak French, the household may request a return visit from a French-speaking census taker. The census taker will also encourage the household to **respond online or by phone in French**.

### WE'RE REACHING OUT IN FRENCH

- We're **advertising** and providing outreach materials in French.
- We have **bilingual staff** partnering with community organizations to explain how easy, safe and important it is to respond to the census.
- More information is available online at <<https://2020census.gov/fr.html>>.



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