# Respond to the 2020 Census

## Messaging to Encourage Response for General Audiences

Prior to Nonresponse Followup	During Nonresponse Followup	Final Week	Beyond
There's still time to respond. Respond now online, by phone, or by mail.	It's not too late to respond. Respond now or when a census taker comes to your door.	This is the final week to respond to the 2020 Census. Respond now.	Thank you for responding!
Respond online now at 2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020.  Or, if you have the 2020 Census questionnaire you received in the mail or at your door, fill it out and mail it back.  Most households have responded. Don't be left out—your response matters.  Respond for where you were living on April 1 and include everyone who usually lived there too, including children.  Encourage your family and friends to respond if they haven't already. Remind them that their response matters.  If we don't hear from your household, a census taker will visit soon to ask you the census questions in person.	Respond online now at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mail.  Respond for where you were living on April 1 and include everyone who usually lived there too, including children.  Most households have responded. Don't be left out—your response matters. Remind your family and friends, too.  A census taker will visit soon to ask you the census questions in person if you haven't responded already.  If a census taker comes to your home, please cooperate. Your community needs your response.  Census takers are from your community. They know that a complete and accurate count will benefit your area.  Encourage your family and friends to cooperate if a census taker visits their home.  Census takers will wear masks and follow the current health and safety guidelines in your community.  If you responded without a Census ID, we may visit you to confirm your address and collect your responses in person. We want to ensure we count everyone in the right place.	Don't miss the chance to shape your future—your response matters.  If you think you may not have been counted, respond online at 2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 now.  Respond using the address where you were living on April 1 and include everyone who usually lived there too, including children.	The next 10 years of funding for critical services will be informed by your participation in the census.  Census results will be shared soon.

See "2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19" for the latest operational timeline at <a href="https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html">https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html</a>.





## Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important

#### It's easy.

- Responding takes only a few minutes to complete.
- You can respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Visit <a href="https://2020census.gov/languages.html">https://2020census.gov/languages.html</a>>.
- It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.

#### It's safe.

- Your response is safe, secure, and confidential. Your information is protected by law.
- We will not share your responses with immigration or law enforcement agencies.
- By law, your answers can only be used to produce statistics.
- Responding now will minimize the need for a census taker to follow up and visit your home later this year.
- Census takers will wear masks when they interview households in person. The interviews are quick and can be done outside your home and 6 feet apart.

### It's important. Your response matters.

- Responding to the 2020 Census in this time of social distancing makes a difference for the well-being of your community and helps shape the future.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for health care, emergency response, schools, education programs, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.
- Complete the 2020 Census now so your community will have the resources it needs over the next 10 years.
- An accurate census count helps communities get the resources they need for emergency and disaster response.