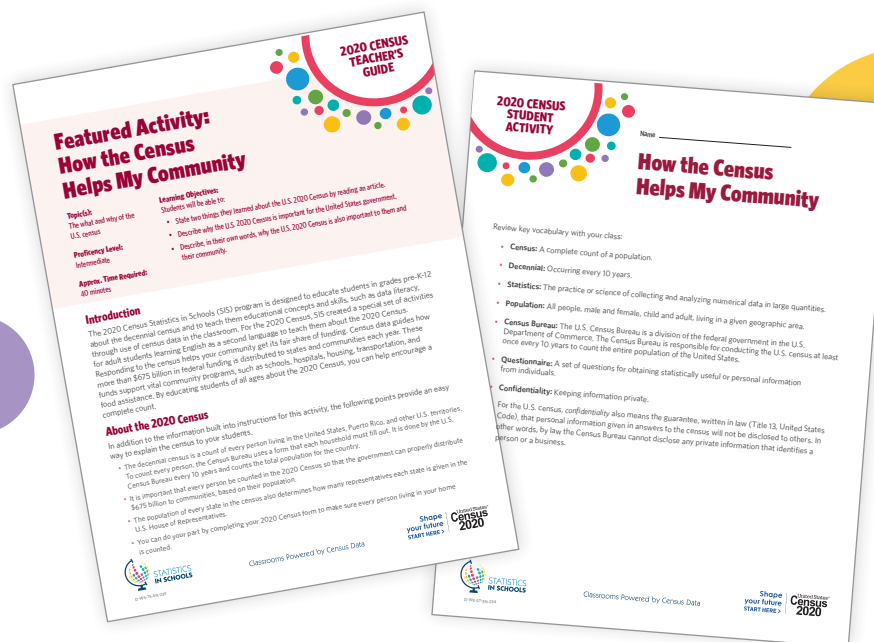


Adult English as a Second Language Students and the 2020 Census Statistics in Schools Program

Educator
Guide

The 2020 Census Statistics in Schools (SIS) program educates students about the decennial census and uses census data to teach them educational concepts and skills. As the 2020 Census approaches, SIS is adding 67 new activities, among many other resources, to the program. This includes activities that are specially designed for adult English as a second language (ESL) students.

These activities focus heavily on developing vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills in English. Because a high proportion of adult ESL students are immigrants or otherwise new to living in the United States, some activities include topics that build a basic understanding of how the 2020 Census shapes communities throughout the U.S. and affects everyone who lives here.



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Why does the 2020 Census SIS program have activities for adult ESL students?

The Census Bureau wants to make sure that all students, regardless of age, have an opportunity to improve their statistical literacy using census data. It is also important that everyone living in the United States understand the importance of the decennial census and the ways in which it impacts our lives.

What materials are available for adult ESL students?

The 2020 Census SIS program includes four activities designed specifically for adults learning English as a second language. There is a teacher and student version of each activity. The activities focus on these topics: the importance and benefits of the decennial census, apportionment, diversity, and planning for the future.

How does the 2020 Census benefit my students and their families?

Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year. For communities to get the right amount of funding, it is extremely important that every person be counted in the census. By using SIS activities in your adult ESL classrooms, you can help students understand why a complete count of their community is important, and you can encourage them to count every person in their home.

Where can I access these activities?

To get started, visit [census.gov/schools](https://www.census.gov/schools).



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