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## United States 2020 Census

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Have you filled out your 2020 United States Census yet?

### **What is the Census and Why is it Important?**

- The Census is a survey, determining how many people live in the United States and where.
- It is required by law that each household participates and it determines where Federal funds are spent across the country. The more people in a specific area, the more funding is allotted for important community resources like schools, public hospitals, and emergency responders.

- The Census is also used to determine how many federal representatives each state has.
- This information is used for the next 10 years

**How do you take the Census?**

- To self-report go to <https://my2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020. It only takes a few minutes.
- Self-reporting is available until October 31, 2020.
- If you have questions, reach out to my office at 518-455-2225 or [breslin@nysenate.gov](mailto:breslin@nysenate.gov)

**Is there a citizenship question on the Census?**

- No.

**Is the survey private?**

- Yes.

# How the 2020 Census helps communities



## Why is responding to the 2020 Census important?

### Federal funding

Federal, state, and municipal lawmakers make decisions about how billions of dollars in public funds are allocated for schools, roads and bridges, fire and emergency services, healthcare, and more based on census statistics. Programs informed by census statistics include those for:

#### *Older people and low-income populations:*

- > Medicare
- > Medicaid
- > Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- > Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

#### *College students:*

- > Federal Pell Grants
- > Career and technical education grants
- > Adult education grants

#### *Young children:*

- > Head Start
- > National School Lunch Program
- > Title IX funding



### Congressional representation

2020 Census results will determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives. Results also impact congressional and state legislative districts.

### Business decisions

Business owners use census statistics to create economic and employment opportunities. The statistics help determine where to hire new employees, open new locations, and more.



### Important dates

After completing the 2020 Census count, the U.S. Census Bureau must deliver the results by two deadlines:

- > **December 31, 2020:** The Census Bureau will announce the total population count for each state. These totals determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- > **April 1, 2021:** The Census Bureau will release 2020 Census statistics used by state and local officials to redraw boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts and public school districts.



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