

CENSUS 101: What you need to know.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, and only once, and in the right place. Make sure you include everyone, including your children, in your household.

It's about \$675 billion.

The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds and grants to states, counties and communities is based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It's about redistricting.

After each census, officials redraw the boundaries of congressional, state and local districts to account for population shifts.

It's easy.

Look for your invitation in the mail in mid-March. You can complete your census form online or by phone by April 1. If you miss the deadline, the U.S. Census Bureau will send you a paper form. If you still don't complete your form, you'll be getting a knock on your door!

Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

For more information, please visit:

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