

2020 CENSUS ACTIVITY A1  
YES, WE COUNT!



- ✚ It's a headcount of everyone who lives in the United States.
- ✚ It takes place every 10 years.
- ✚ It's not a choice; the U.S. Constitution requires it.
- ✚ It's a way to show your democracy
  - *It's a way to say "I COUNT"!*

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**CENSUS 2020**

1. What is the census?  
**IT'S A HEADCOUNT OF EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THE UNITED STATES**
2. How often does it take place?  
**IT TAKES PLACE EVERY TEN YEARS**
3. Is it a choice? Why or why not?  
**NO, IT IS THE LAW. THE US CONSTITUTION REQUIRES EVERYONE TO BE COUNTED.**

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### Why Does the 2020 CENSUS Matter to You?

**Data** → **Funding** → **Representation**

Census data impacts our lives on everything from the amount of federal funding our community receives to how many Members of Congress your state can elect to fight for your interests.  
Be sure to stand and be counted!

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- ✚ The information collected is used to decide how much of the \$650 billion in federal funds Florida will receive.
- ✚ This money is used for public education, housing, bridges, roads, and more.
- ✚ It also determines the number of representatives Florida will have in Congress.

### THE CENSUS IS IMPORTANT

1. How much federal funding is available for the United States?

**\$650 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS**

2. How much does Florida receive?

**IT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY PEOPLE FLORIDA HAS**

3. What is the funding for?

**THE FUNDING IS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, HOUSING, BRIDGES, ROADS, AND MORE.**

4. How many representatives does Florida have at this time?

**FLORIDA HAS 27 AT THIS TIME BASED ON THE 2010 CENSUS**

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CENSUS 101

# Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

Anybody living in the United States on April 1, 2020 has to be counted.



United States  
**Census**  
Bureau

## EVERYONE COUNTS

1. Do U.S. citizens count?

YES

2. Do permanent residents count?

YES

3. Do all immigrants count?

YES

4. Do immigrants without documents count?

YES

5. Who has to be counted?

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APRIL 1, 2020 HAS TO BE COUNTED**

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# Taking part is your civic duty.

- It's easy and short. It only takes about 10-15 minutes to do it.
- You can take it on-line at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), by mail, or by phone.
- It is available in 13 languages
- It includes 10 questions about your name, age, sex, race and relationship to the householder
- There is not a citizenship question.
- The deadline for submitting has been extended to August 14<sup>th</sup>.



## CIVIC DUTY

- How can you complete the census?  
ON-LINE, BY PHONE OR BY MAIL.
- What kinds of questions does it include?  
THEY ARE ABOUT YOU NAME, AGE, SEX, RACE,  
AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE HOUSEHOLDER.
- Does it ask if you are a citizen?  
NO
- When is the deadline to submit the census?  
AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>
- How long does it take to complete the census?  
IT IS SHORT; IT CAN TAKE ABOUT 10-15  
MINUTES

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# Your data are confidential.

Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.



## CONFIDENTIAL

1. What does confidential mean?  
**THE INFORMATION IS SECURE; THE INFORMATION IS NOT SHARED WITH ANYONE**
2. How is the information used?  
**TO PRODUCE STATISTICS**
3. Can the government have access to your information?  
**NO**
4. Can ICE get your information?  
**NO**
5. Can the police get your information?  
**NO**