# 2020 Census Informational Activity B1

## Yes, We Count!

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### What is the Census?
- 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”!
- People can call 844-330-2020 for questions or support.

### Why is the Census important?
- 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.

### Who is counted in the 2020 census?
- Everybody living in the United States counts
  - US Citizens
  - Immigrants
  - Undocumented people
- People from every country living in the United States on April 1st, 2020
- If you are living in the US, you need to be counted. You need to complete the form, even if you are a citizen of another country and someday plan to return to that country.
- The deadline to complete the census is August 14th. The Census Bureau asks people to please complete the questionnaire in April. If you don’t complete it in April, you may be visited by someone from the Census.

### Is your information confidential?
- Your privacy is protected

### What does the Census Bureau ask?

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<th>Your answers are only used for statistics</th>
<th>It’s a short questionnaire about your name, age, sex, race and relationship to the householder</th>
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<td>The law says your answers will not be shared with law enforcement</td>
<td>It only takes about 10-15 minutes</td>
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<td>– Not with the police</td>
<td>There is no question on citizenship</td>
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<td>– Not with ICE</td>
<td>It can be completed on-line at my2020census.gov, by phone or by mail.</td>
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<td>ALL YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL. The law protects you. Information about you and your family can not be shared, even with law enforcement agencies. It’s used only for statistics.</td>
<td>It’s available in 13 languages.</td>
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**INFORMATION CHECK**

1. What is the census?
2. Why is it important?
3. Is it a choice to complete the census? Explain
4. Who needs to be counted?
5. Is your information confidential?
6. What is your information used for?
7. How long does it take to complete the census?
8. What kinds of questions are asked?
9. Is there a question on citizenship?
10. When is the last day to submit the census?