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WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?
Once a decade, America comes together to participate in the decennial census, creating a national awareness of the census and statistics. The census is important because it’s essential to have an accurate count of every person living in the United States, regardless of age, citizenship status, or location.

HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM THE CENSUS?
The census has many uses, but some of its most crucial impacts involve money and power. The results of this year’s census will guide the distribution of billions of federal dollars and determine how many congressional seats each state will receive. When you are missing from the census, resources and political power for your community get assigned to somewhere else.

WHY ARE SOUTHERN STATES UNDERCOUNTERED?
Common barriers make it difficult to get an accurate census count in the American South. Southern states lose nearly $3,000 per year for every person not counted in the census. The undercount rate of young children in the South is higher than any other region, and the high rate of households without internet access contributes to an inaccurate count. For these reasons, it is our duty to make sure each and every community member is counted across the American South in the 2020 Census!

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Census 101: Here are the Facts

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

It’s about fair representation.
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It’s in the Constitution.
The US Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

It’s about redistricting.
After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

It means $675 billion.
Census data determine how more than $675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county, and community’s vital programs.

Taking part is your civic duty.
Completing the census is required: it’s a way to participate in our democracy and say “I COUNT!”

Your data is confidential.
Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. Your information will not be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, nor will it be allowed to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

HOW TO: COMPLETING THE CENSUS
A census form takes only a few minutes to complete but impacts funding and political representation for an entire decade. It’s a simple act of democracy with a lingering impact. Completing the 2020 Census will also enhance COVID-19 recovery efforts by ensuring an accurate count of community members and reducing the chance of census takers arriving at your home.

Every home in the United States will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census in the mail. You will have three options for responding:

Online
Respondents can access the census at www.2020census.gov. The form will be available in 13 languages, which you can select at the top and bottom of the webpage.

Phone
Completing your census form by phone is an option for everyone. You can call toll free at 1-844-330-2020.

Mail
You can complete the form and return it by mail. Paper forms are available in English and Spanish.