CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think. Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.
The census counts every person living in the United States, regardless of location and in the right place.

It's the Constitution.
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the United States be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about money.
The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to schools, hospitals, public works, and other vital programs is based on census data.

It's about redistricting.
After each decade's census, states and localities redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Census data are being used all around you.

Your privacy is protected.
It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publish your responses in any way that would identify you or your household.

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The census touches every life, every day.

Respond to the 2020 Census to help inform the distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds to communities each year for things like health care, emergency services, infrastructure, education, and food assistance.