

# Census 2020: What to expect

It's important to be counted in the Census to positively impact our community.

The 2020 Census is happening now and it's vital that we each do our part to be counted. The Census provides information for funding in a variety of settings – including schools, Medicaid, roads and infrastructure, senior programs, housing choice vouchers and more. For example, if there is a 5% undercount, counties could lose millions of dollars annually for these crucial programs.

## What can you expect from the Census?

Every household has the option of responding to the Census online, by mail, or by phone. The majority of Census invitations will be received by mail. Households that use PO Boxes, or that have been affected by recent natural disasters, or are very remote locations will receive their Census from a Census taker.

## Why is the Census important?

The Census provides a snapshot of the demographics of our nation. The results impact the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives as well as congressional and state legislative districts. Over the next ten years, the data from the Census will be used to demonstrate needs – clinics, roads, infrastructure, and services for children and older adults. These needs impact the amount of money that counties and states receive to help residents.

Learn more about the 2020 Census and how to be counted [here](#).