

The 2020 Census!

Occuring on April 1, 2020!

What is it?

Every 10 years, ever since 1790, the United States takes a head count of all the residents in the United States. This year, for the first time, the census will be conducted mainly online! Don't worry if your parents or guardians are used to the traditional paper version. That will be available as well!



Who should fill it out?

The head of the household should be the one to fill the census out, whether that be your parents or grandparents or whoever you are staying with as of April 1st.

Who should be on it?

Everyone in the household as of April 1st! Your little brother who was born on March 31st? Count him! Your cousin staying with you for a while? Count them! A grandparent living with you? Count them! Every member of the household, old or young, related or not related, should be counted.

Who shouldn't be on it?

Anyone who is not living in your house on April 1st, even if they are part of the family, shouldn't be on your household census. If one of your siblings moved out or is away at college, they shouldn't be on your household census. They will get counted on their own census! If one of your grandparents is under your care but in a nursing home, they will go on the nursing home census! Only people who live in your house on April 1st should be on the census.

Who cares?

You all should! Did you know that you probably wouldn't have the new Starbucks in town if there wasn't a census? Businesses use the data about population to decide where they want to take their services! Did you also know that each person who is missed on the census is a loss of \$1091 to the state? That's money that could be going to Montgomery County schools or roads!

