

The 2020 Census

What is the Census?

The decennial census is the count of the United States population. The census has taken place every ten years since 1790 as mandated in Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution.

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WHY WE HAVE THE CENSUS

Distribute Federal Funds

The Federal Government distributes roughly \$800 billion every year based on census data. Funds include things such as infrastructure, schools, hospitals, and many other vital programs.

Apportioning of Representation

Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that an apportionment of representatives among the states must be carried out every 10 years. Redistricting of seats and representation on the local, state, and federal level will be based on the data collected from the census.

FACTS ABOUT THE CENSUS

What will be on the Census?

Questions that will be asked include name, sex, age, and race. There is no longer a long form and a short form. There is only one form that will be used consisting of no more than 10 questions. The Citizenship question will not be on the 2020 Census.

Who sees your Information?

Only the United States Census Bureau will see your personal information. Personal information is kept safe by law for 72 years before it is released. Information gathered through the census cannot be used against you in a court of law.

WHY YOU TAKE THE CENSUS

For every person not counted in the census, \$1,091 is lost in government funding. The accuracy of the count directly affects the amount of economic assistance the community of Crawfordsville receives. This money is used to provide public transportation, pay for schools, open new businesses, and fund other public events. Besides the government, many different organizations such as businesses use the census data to look at potential expansion of their business in a community.

WHO GETS COUNTED?

Every person who is currently living in the household or spends 6+ months in the household should be counted. Every person alive on April 1, 2020 should be counted.