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2020 Census

What is the Census? The U.S. Constitution requires the federal government to count **every** person living in the United States and the five U.S. territories every ten years. Every household will receive a notification to respond either online, by phone, or by mail. Every single person residing in the household must be included on the form in order to be counted and represented, **regardless of immigration status**.

Why is the Census important? Census data is used to:

1. determine the distribution of federal funds to states, counties and local cities for education, healthcare, housing and transportation infrastructure programs, and more;
2. affect our political representation for the next ten years;
3. reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many congressional seats each state gets and more seats equals more clout;
4. determine electoral districts at all levels of government.

Census information is confidential - By law, the Census Bureau CANNOT share your answers with any other government agency. The Census Bureau can only use the respondent's answers to produce statistics, and personal census information cannot be disclosed for 72 years.

Avoiding Scams - The Census will NEVER ask for your: Social Security Number, bank account or credit card numbers, or money or donations.

Important Dates – You will receive the following information:

March 12 - 20 Invitation to respond online (or via phone) to the census

March 16 - 24 Reminder letter

March 26 - April 3 Reminder postcard

April 8 - 16 Reminder letter and paper questionnaire

April 20 - 27 Final reminder postcard before in-person follow up

Late April to early July 2020 - If the household has not completed the Census form, the Census Bureau staff will make follow-up contact, including visits to the home.

Representing the communities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, Vernon, and parts of Bellflower, East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, and South Los Angeles.