

Dear Neighbor,

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau works to count every person residing in the United States – and the next one starts on April 1!

In previous census counts, New York has been **undercounted**, resulting in the loss of billions in federal funding for hospitals, public schools, transportation, emergency services and more.

Now is the time to get involved to be sure our communities are fully counted. My office is providing this information to help you learn more about the 2020 Census and take action in your neighborhood. If we can be of any assistance or answer questions, please feel free to contact my office.

每十年美國人口普查局統計所有美國居民 - 下一次即在四月一日開始!

以往紐約人口被低估因而失去數十億計給予醫院、學校、交通、緊急服務等項目的聯邦政府資出。

每人必需參與普查才讓我們社區被充份統計和支持。我的辦公室提供以下知訊讓你熟悉二零二零年度人口普查而能在社區採取行動。如有問題或需幫助請聯絡我的辦公室。

Sincerely,



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**Stand Up.  
Get Counted.**



# CENSUS 2020

## How do I fill out the form?

In March 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will send mailings with instructions on how to fill out the form online. People who live in areas with low internet usage will also receive a paper form. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone.

## Do I have to answer every question?

People who do not fill out every question on the census form will still be counted, but filling out the form as much as possible is encouraged. Anyone who does not fill out a form at all may receive a follow-up phone call or an in-person home visit by a Census Bureau employee.

## Is my information protected?

Title 13 of the U.S. Code ensures all Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent data. It is a felony to disclose any confidential information, and the penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000. The information collected can't be used to track people, determine eligibility for government benefits or be shared with immigration or law enforcement. The Census Bureau never asks for your full Social Security number. Additionally, the Supreme Court struck down the federal administration's proposed citizenship question, so it won't be on the form.

## What can individuals do to help?

To learn more and sign up to become a community partner with the Census Bureau, visit: [census.gov/partners.html](https://census.gov/partners.html)

For employment opportunities with the Census Bureau, you can visit: [census.gov/about/regions/new-york/jobs/all.html](https://census.gov/about/regions/new-york/jobs/all.html)



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How can I help make sure my community is counted?

You can get involved locally by working with community-based institutions that have created Complete Count Committees (CCC). These committees serve as "census ambassadors" and work to implement locally based outreach campaigns to raise awareness and increase participation rates. Visit <https://www.census.gov/2020ccc> to learn more about your local CCC.

### Why is it important to count everyone?

New York State receives \$53 billion each year in federal funding for hospitals, public schools, transportation, emergency services and more. Each person not counted costs the state over \$2,600 in federal aid each year.

### Who is undercounted and what are the consequences?

Historically, the census has undercounted young children, people of color, rural residents, immigrants, renters and low-income households at higher rates than other populations. New York is expected to lose two congressional seats. An undercount would mean not only losing those seats, but also losing critical funding for schools, health care and essential services.

## How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

### March 2020

Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail that includes your Census ID and detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail.

### April 1, 2020

Census Day is observed nationwide. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire online or by phone, the Census Bureau will send a paper questionnaire for you to complete and mail back.

### May - July 2020

Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

Explore the 2020 Census form at: [2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html](https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html)

To stay up to date on this important issue, please contact my office.