

**The time is now -
commit to be counted!**



**Census 2020 is live
from March - July 2020!**

Why the Census Matters for African American Families

Did you know that getting an accurate Census count impacts the money for many programs to improve the health and well-being of kids and families?

It's true! To get the federal government to pay for the programs our families deserve, someone in your home has to fill out the Census. It's the only way we know how many families with children live in an area, and how much federal money a state is owed to pay for needed services. **It only takes 10 minutes to fill out the form - and not doing it can result in the loss of \$12,000 PER PERSON not counted over the next decade.**

One big worry that families have about the Census is that the information can be shared with other people. BUT - your information cannot be shared with ANYONE (including landlords, employers, your friends, your neighbors) or ANY AGENCY (including the Dept of Human Services, the Dept on Aging, the Dept of Children and Family Services, Illinois Department of Employment Security, local and state housing authorities, local and state police departments, etc.). **What you report does not get tied back to you, your home or your family. It is private and safe.**

So what does the Census data help fund?

Health Programs

- Medicare and Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program
- Health Care Centers
- Alcohol and Drug Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment
- Social Service agencies

Food Assistance Programs

- WIC
- SNAP
- National Student Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program

Housing Assistance Programs

- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- Housing Loans
- Home Energy Assistance

Employment Programs

- Youth Employment Programs for 14-24
- Displaced Worker Program
- Unemployed Worker Job Training
- Vocational Training
- Unemployment

Education Programs

- Head Start
- Title 1 Funding for Students with Needs
- Special Education funding
- Postsecondary Federal Student Loans
- Pell Grants
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Libraries

Three ways to complete your Census 2020 form:



Online



Phone



Mail

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