Census data ensures that states and localities receive federal funding for schools, roads, hospitals, libraries, businesses and more. Participate in the census to shape your community and to shape your future.

Here are some key dates to remember:

**March 12:** The 2020 Census will be available online for households to complete at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov), by phone, or by mail.

**April 1:** National Census Day—National Census Day is a nationally recognized day, and by this date every U.S. household will receive an invitation to participate in this year’s census count.

Census Bureau workers will begin going door-to-door in communities across the country to visit households that have not responded to the census.

**July 31:** This is the last day for households to respond to the 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau is required by law to provide an apportionment count to the President and Congress.

REMINDER:
If you receive a home visit from the U.S. Census Bureau, always verify the identity of Bureau staff by checking to see their valid, non-expired ID badge with their photograph and a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark.
Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for more information.