

## Taking part helps your community

- The United States Census is a national survey conducted every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau to count the population.
- The census counts people. You must respond to the census regardless of your immigration status.
- Census data is used to distribute more than \$900B to fund public services, including education, health care and public spaces.
- Your community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. Federal funds, grants, and support to communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, and race, among other factors.
- The data is also used for research and to analyze and predict trends. This has a direct influence where businesses decide to open, impacting the local economy and job creation.

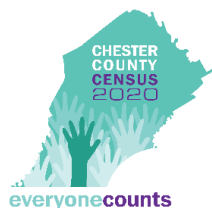


## Everyone counts.

Learn more at  
[2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) and  
[chesco.org/planning/cccc](https://chesco.org/planning/cccc)

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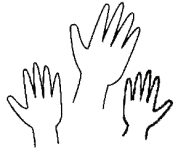


## The U.S. Census arrives in April 2020

What you need to know

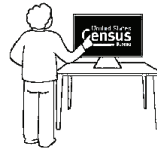


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## How EVERYONE gets COUNTED

- Babies and children under 5 years old must be counted.
- You have to count children who live and sleep at your home most of the time.
- Include your newborn baby in your census form, even if he or she is still in the hospital on April 1.
- College students will be counted at their dorm address.
- Anyone in a detention facility on April 1, 2020 will be counted at the facility where they are incarcerated.
- People experiencing homelessness will be counted at places where they receive services, such as shelters and meal centers. They can be counted at transitory locations (hotels, motels, campgrounds) using a paper form.
- Group quarters counting will begin in February 2020.



## Filling out the census is QUICK and EASY

- **Census Day is April 1, 2020.** This is a reference date for responses to the census.
- By April 1, 2020, households will receive an invitation via U.S. mail to participate in the census. People can respond via the internet, phone, paper form, or in person.
- You can respond to the census online or by phone in 12 non-English languages: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese.
- The 2020 Census will have only nine questions. A question related to citizenship status WILL NOT BE ADDED to the 2020 Census.
- If you do not answer all the questions, your form can still be submitted. However, an enumerator may come to your house to collect the missing information.



## Responses to the census are SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- Your information is protected by the United States Constitution.
- Census responses cannot be used against any person by any government agency or court.
- Census Bureau workers take a lifetime oath of non-disclosure that protects your answers.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, money, donations, or bank and credit card numbers.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will never send an invitation to complete the census via email.
- The U.S. Census Bureau workers will have badges and briefcases indicating their affiliation with the Census Bureau.
- A U.S. Census Bureau will never ask you to step out of your home.

