

# 2020 CENSUS: FACT SHEET



## ✓ What is the census?

Once a decade, the U.S. Constitution requires a census, or count, of the American population.

## ✓ Who counts?

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



## How are census data used?

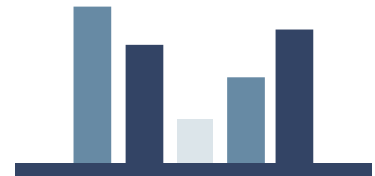
To determine the number of congressional representatives each state will have.



To allocate more than \$675 billion in federal investments across states, counties, and cities.

**\$1,473**  
per person, per year  
(in Idaho)

To inform the research, decision making, and planning in academic institutions, medical facilities, and all levels of government.



## How do I respond to the census?

In March 2020, every household will receive a postcard with information on how to respond online, by phone, or by mail.



Online



Phone



Mail

## Is my information secure?

Your personal information cannot be seen or used by other government agencies or the courts. The Census Bureau will never share a respondent's personal information with agencies such as ICE, the FBI, or police.

Official Census Day is  
**APRIL 1, 2020**

Most households will receive an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau from March 12-20, 2020, to respond online.

