



# CENSUS 2020

Count us in!



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## CATHOLIC PARTICIPATION

“Our country conducts a Census every ten years to count the number of men, women and children residing in the United States. Census data helps direct more than \$800 billion annually to key programs designed to advance the common good, strengthen families and reduce poverty. The Catholic Church and other service providers rely on the national Census to provide an accurate count in order to effectively serve those in need. We urge for all people to be counted in the Census, regardless of their citizenship... Our society, rooted in the strength of the family, cannot risk missing this opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed” - **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**

## WHY DOES THE CENSUS MATTER?

It is crucial that all people are counted to ensure a fair distribution of resources. Population totals from the 2020 Census will determine how billions of dollars are distributed in California for the following areas of our community:



## WHO GETS COUNTED?

Every adult, child and baby living in the United States, regardless of their age, race, ethnic group or citizenship status. One census form ONLY should be completed for each mailing address and it should include all people living in the household.

## IS IT SAFE?

Your information is safe. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses can only be used to produce statistics.

## HOW TO AVOID SCAMS?

U.S. Census field staff will always show a valid Census Bureau ID, with their photograph, a U.S.

Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. **They will never ask for:**

- Payment to fill out the questionnaire
- Social Security number
- Financial information, such as bank account or credit card numbers

If you suspect a scam, contact the California Regional Office at 213-314-6500 or toll-free at 800-923-8282

## HOW TO FILL IT OUT?

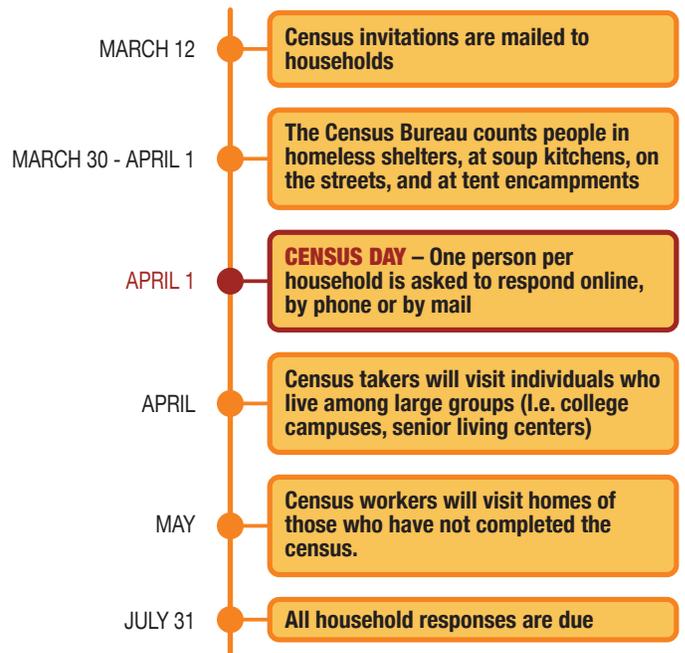
Each household will be asked to provide an address, a phone number, race, ethnicity, gender, number of people in the household, your relationship to each other, and whether you own or rent. Questions about immigration status will NOT be asked.

**ONLINE:** By computer, tablet or smart phone  
(Forms available in 13 different languages)

**BY PHONE:** The Census Bureau 844-330-2020  
(Help available in 13 different languages)

**BY MAIL:** Sent if not completed online or by phone  
(Printed forms available in English and Spanish)

## WHEN WILL THE COUNT BEGIN?



For more information visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or call 800-923-8282