What is the 2020 Census?

Why Is It So Important?

In the same way we budget our money based on the needs and number of people in our family, the government needs information from the Census to determine how to allocate funding for several programs in our communities, like:

- Healthcare Programs: Medicaid, WIC, child care, etc.
- Public Infrastructure: Building and maintaining roads, public transportation
- Public Education: Building and maintaining public schools, special & adult education
- Affordable Housing: Supporting low-income housing programs

The more accurate the Census count is in our communities, the more funding our communities receive for the next 10 years!

Who Gets Counted?

- Everyone in the household needs to be counted!
- All household members including all babies, children, college students, adults, relatives, friends, children of friends, grandparents, in-laws, etc., regardless of their age or legal status.

How Can You Fill it Out?

- The Census will be available online, phone, and paper.
- The online Census form will be available in 13 different languages. The Census will also be available over the phone in 59 languages. There will be an online guide on how to fill out the census in 59 languages.
- When filling out the census make sure that every person living in the household is counted.

Personal Information Safety

- Under the law, Census data can only be used for statistical purposes. Private information collected by the Census Bureau is not shared with any other government department.
- Personal census information cannot be disclosed for 72 years (including names, addresses, and telephone numbers).
- People who work for the census are sworn to protect this information; if they break this federal law they could go to jail or pay a large fine!

When Do I Complete My 2020 Census Form?

- Middle of March 2020 - People can begin doing internet and phone census responses; physical paper forms will be provided for households in areas with reduced internet access or by request.
- May 2020 - Aug 2020 - Nonresponse follow-up: Anyone who did not respond or fill out the census form by the end of April 2020 will have a Census Bureau worker visit their house to follow up and help them fill out the census form.

What Happens if You Do Not Fill Out The Form?

- A census worker will come to your home to help you fill out the form if you do not fill out the census by the end of April 2020.

Did You Know......

- The number of elected leaders in local, state, and federal government depends on the Census?
- Tennessee could gain 1 more seat in the U.S. House of Representatives as a result of the 2020 Census.
- Districts are also redrawn using Census data. This includes: School districts | Local city council | State representatives | U.S Congress

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