

United States
Census
2020



Be Counted!

Myth vs Fact

Myth: *The census only determines how many Congressional Representatives each state will have.*

Fact: First and foremost, the census determines much more - including how much federal funding each state receives for health care, education, housing, transportation and other services. Federal funding makes up a large part of Ohio's state budget.

Myth: *Census workers will ask for your Social Security number.*

Fact: Census takers will never ask for your Social Security number, bank account, political party affiliation, or citizenship. It is illegal for census workers to disclose any personal information. If they do, they face up to five years in jail and \$250,000 fine,

Myth: *Immigrants are not counted in the census.*

Fact: The Constitution explicitly requires an "actual enumeration of all persons" including immigrants, homeless people, and refugees regardless of citizenship. Every person not counted costs Ohio federal dollars in funding for essential services for the next ten years.

Myth: *The only way to be counted is when a census workers come to your door.*

Fact: Wrong. There are many way to be counted. You can participate by mail, by phone, and for the first time, online. For those without internet access most local libraries will make census portals available.

If you have questions about the 2020 census visit

<https://www.2020census.gov/>