### Fighting 2020 Census Rumors

The U.S. Census Bureau wants residents to respond in confidence knowing the census is safe and important, but without knowing the facts, some people may hesitate to respond in April. This could affect the accuracy of its results. If people get the wrong information about the 2020 Census — intentionally or unintentionally — it poses a problem for all of us.

The spread of <u>misinformation</u> (incorrect information spread unintentionally) and <u>disinformation</u> (incorrect information spread intentionally) about the 2020 Census is something government partners are actively fighting. We want the public to have the correct information so they can participate in the census and shape their future *and* the future of their community.

To prevent the spread of fake, false and inaccurate information, that can negatively influence 2020 Census participation and response, the Census Bureau has established the government's first ever Trust & Safety Team to protect the count. *YouTube*: U.S. Census Bureau Trust & Safety Team (Posted Jan. 31, 2020) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKUBQlcFiVw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKUBQlcFiVw</a>

If you have a question about something not addressed here or see false information about the 2020 Census or the U.S. Census Bureau, please contact rumors@census.gov.

## Setting the Record Straight

#### Are non-citizens counted in the census?

**YES**. Everyone counts. The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the country, including non-citizens. Learn more about who should be counted when you complete the 2020 Census.

Can my answers be shared with law enforcement or used against me?

**NO**. The law prevents the Census Bureau from sharing your information with law enforcement. Your answers cannot be used to impact your eligibility for government benefits. Your answers are only used to create statistics about our country.

#### What questions WILL NOT be asked by the Census Bureau?

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

# Did you know...?

By law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. That's protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.

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If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of the above items, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate.

If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.







