



Quiz: U. S. Census 2020

1. How do I participate in the census?
 - a. Online
 - b. By mail
 - c. By phone
 - d. Any of the above

2. Is there a citizenship question on the census form?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

3. My neighbors don't speak English. Will they need a translator?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. Of those who live at my address, are there any who I should not count?
 - a. Roommates
 - b. Undocumented immigrants
 - c. Babies
 - d. People my landlord isn't aware of
 - e. Students home from college
 - f. Everyone residing at this address on April 1, 2020 should be included

5. The census form will **not ask**:
- a. Citizenship status
 - b. Immigration status
 - c. Social Security number
 - d. Bank account or payment information
 - e. Criminal background
 - f. For donations
 - g. The census will not ask for any of the above
6. How often does the U.S. take a census?
- a. Once every 10 years
 - b. Once every 5 years
 - c. Only when demographics change significantly
7. Which of the following statements are TRUE?
- a. The Census Bureau cannot release information about individuals, households or businesses even to law enforcement officials.
 - b. Census responses cannot be used against ANYONE by any government agency (FBI, CIA, ICE, DHS or court)
 - c. Answers can only be used to produce statistics. The law requires confidentiality and responses are encrypted as soon as it is received.
 - d. All of the above are true
 - e. None of the above are true

8. Census statistics are used to determine:
- a. How many representatives each state gets in Congress
 - b. How many schools, roads, libraries and emergency services are needed in an area
 - c. Medicare and Medicaid needs in your community
 - d. Answers a, b, and c
 - e. Only answers a and b.
9. How many children/babies were not counted in the last census?
- a. 150,000
 - b. 1,000,000
 - c. 500,000
10. What would be the effect of an undercount of people residing in the U.S.?
- a. Lack of equal representation in Congress
 - b. Lack of funding in undercounted communities
 - c. Lack of funding to frequently unrepresented age groups
 - d. Limited ability to plan for future community needs
 - e. Higher local taxes to replace reduced federal funds
 - f. All of the above

You can use these resources to find information about the U. S. Census before checking the Answer Key on the next page.

[U. S. Census 2020: Be Counted \(pdf\)](#)

[Count Me In: Census 2020](#)

Answer Key

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Ninety-five percent (95%) of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.

Responding online:

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-online.html>

The form can be filled out using the census ID received in the mail or only using your address if the invitation didn't arrive in the mail.

Responding by mail:

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-mail.html>

Responding by phone:

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>

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- b. **No**

On June 28, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling suspended the citizenship question from being used.

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The online and phone response systems are available in 13 languages.

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A fundraising group actually did send out a survey resembling the census to try to trick citizens into donating.

The outer envelope of the valid census will say “**U.S. Census Bureau**” and “**U.S. Department of Commerce.**” The return address will show

**U.S. Census Bureau
National Processing Center
100 Logistics Avenue
Jeffersonville, IN 47144**

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Responses to the 2020 Census are protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.
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<https://www.sabexarcounmein.org/Community-Impact>

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Some states dedicated funds and efforts to ensure an accurate census count. Other states refused to take efforts to encourage participation in the census, so it falls to cities and volunteers to ensure an accurate count.

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/news-clips/npr-some-fear-undercount-tes-xas-decides-not-spend-money-2020-census>