

# The 2020 census is coming. Make sure you're counted!



## CENSUS FAQs

### WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

The census is the official count of all people living in the U.S., regardless of age, income, immigration status, etc. It's been done once every 10 years since 1790.

### WHAT DOES THE CENSUS ASK?

The census asks for information you probably know offhand, like name, sex, age, birthday and race/ethnicity. Visit [becountedgr.org](http://becountedgr.org) to view a sample census form.

### HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS?

Starting in mid-March, everyone living in Grand Rapids can **complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.** The census has fewer than 10 questions and takes only about 10 minutes to complete.



ONLINE



BY PHONE



BY MAIL

Learn more at [becountedgr.org](http://becountedgr.org)

### DOES THE CENSUS BENEFIT ME?

**YES!** When you participate in the count, you help YOUR community get federal funds for schools, healthcare, roads and other vital services.

### YOUR 10 MINUTES EQUALS

**\$18,000\*** FOR YOUR  
ROADS, SCHOOLS  
AND HOSPITALS



ROADS



SCHOOLS



HOSPITALS

\*PER PERSON OVER 10 YEARS

### IS THE CENSUS FORM SECURE?

**YES!** The law prevents the Census Bureau from sharing your information. **Your answers cannot be shared with law enforcement or used to impact your eligibility for government benefits.** Your answers are used only to create statistics about our country.

## CENSUS TIMELINE

**MID-MARCH**

You will receive your invitation to complete the census online or by phone

**APRIL 1**

Census Day! Everyone living at your address on this day should be included in your household's census response

**MID-APRIL**

Households that haven't filled out the census online or responded by phone will receive a paper form

**STARTING IN MAY**

Census workers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to make sure everyone gets counted



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