

CENSUS 2020 FAQ'S

What is the Census?

The Census is a count the federal government conducts of every person living in the United States. It happens once every 10 years and is required by the U.S. Constitution.

Who is Counted?

The Census Bureau counts everyone living in the United States every 10 years. The Census counts EVERYBODY. Young and old, native born and immigrant, every neighborhood, every race, every nationality, every religion. Everybody means everybody.

How do I fill out the Census?

You can do the Census online, by phone, or by mail. Most people will get a letter from the Census Bureau beginning March 12th, with instructions on how to do the Census online and over the phone.

The easiest way to respond to the census is online. The **online Census** will be in 13 languages: Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), English, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

People can **respond to the Census over the phone**, too. The languages available for doing the census by phone are: Arabic, Cantonese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

When do I respond to the Census?

You can respond to the Census online or by phone at any point between March 12th and July 31st, 2020. You can also request to respond by mail. If you have not responded online or by phone by April, a paper Census form will be mailed to you. If you do not respond to the Census in any way by May, a Census Bureau enumerator worker may come to your home to help you complete it in person. Census workers will start visiting homes in May through July of 2020.

What questions are on the census?

The Census asks 9 simple questions about you and the people living in your household. The Census will ask you how many people live with you and if you own or rent your house. It will also ask you for your name, sex, age, birthday, ethnicity and race. It will **NOT** ask for citizenship or immigration status, a social security number, or any credit card or bank information.

How is the information used?

The results are used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress, draw boundaries for voting districts, and determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is spent in communities each year.



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Will they ask about citizenship?

The Census will **NOT** ask about your or your family's citizenship or immigration status. You don't have to be a citizen to do the Census. The Census counts everyone living in the United States, so we all should do it!

Is the information confidential?

Yes! The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. The Census Bureau can only use your anonymous information for statistical purposes. This means your answers will **NOT** be shared with any law enforcement or immigration agency, courts, employers, or landlords.

Where can I get help with the Census?

There are many organizations throughout Fremont ready to answer your questions about the Census. Beginning in March 2020, the City of Fremont will administer a Questionnaire Assistance Center, located at the Fremont Family Resource Center to provide the public with access to computers and support in completing the Census.

Fremont Family Resource Center

Fremont Main and Centerville Libraries

Online Resources:

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

<https://www.acgov.org/census2020/>

<http://fremont.gov/census2020>

How do I get involved?

Those interested in getting involved can become a Census Ambassador and promote the Census in Fremont through your neighborhood, community organization, or house of worship. You will be equipped with training, materials, and messaging to support Census participation. If you are interested please contact the City's Census Volunteer Coordinator, Ashleigh Howick, at census2020@femont.com.

