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What is the census?
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What will the census ask?
The census asks for basic personal information, such as name, relationship to head of household, gender, age, birthday, Hispanic origin and race, and status as a homeowner or renter.

Who gets counted?
Everyone counts. The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. Every person, including babies and children, residing in the household needs to be included on the form in order to be counted.

How do I fill it out?
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How is census information used?
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Census and elections
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

Census and information safety
Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law your information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

Language assistance

Online form: 12 non-English languages.

Paper form: English and Spanish. Telecommunications help for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Language guides (video and print): 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, Braille and large print.

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April 1
National 2020 Census Day
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