

## Immigration/Immigrant Service Providers

Immigrant individuals, families, and communities are at particular risk of being undercounted in the 2020 census for several reasons including: limited English proficiency and the rise in negative political rhetoric and federal detention and deportation operations targeting the undocumented community. In fact, the Census Bureau's own research in 2017 found unprecedented concerns among immigrants and those living with immigrants about responding to census takers' questions, due to fear that the information might be shared with other government agencies and used against them or their loved ones.

YWCA's serve immigrant women, children and families across the country -- more than 40,000 annually -- and are trusted service providers and census messengers within this community. Because fear and distrust, and therefore the risk of undercounting, are so high in immigrant communities it is more important than ever that YWCAs embrace their position as trusted census ambassadors. We must share that the census is safe and any information shared is confidential. Answers can only be used to produce statistics and can not be used against a respondent by any government agency or court.

**Still Want to Know More? Check Out these Resources from the [Census Counts](#) Resource Library and [NALEO Education Fund](#):**

- [Debunking the Myths about the Citizenship Question](#)
- [Citizenship Question Factsheet](#)

**Take action as a trusted community service provider.**

### Tier 1

- Use information from the [YWCA Census Toolkit and Guides](#) and from YWCA national partners to [debunk myths about the citizenship question](#).
- Hang up the [YWCA Census Posters](#)

### Tier 2

- Hand out [YWCA Pledge to Count cards](#)
- Make a **public statement** about your support for the census, and debunking some myths about the risks of the 2020 Census for immigrants, by sharing support on social media, issuing a press release, writing a letter to the editor, and/or making radio announcement.

### Tier 3

- Organize! Check to see if any of your **community partners** or other immigrant advocates are involved in census education. If not, suggest that you make it a shared priority. Need a place to start? Check out our [coalition building toolkit](#) from SAR 2019: No Hate No Fear.