

Census 2020 Facts!



The census

- counts all of the people living in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas
- is the *law*
- happens every 10 years
- asks about each person in the home



March 2020

- every house and apartment will get a Census 2020 form

April 2020

- every household in the USA must respond to the Census
- adults must answer the questions for the children
- you can answer the questions on the computer, **or** on paper, **or** on the telephone

May 2020

- Census workers will come to your house and ask the questions if you don't finish in April

Census workers are called *Enumerators*. Enumerators do NOT ask for money or credit card information!

Who is counted?

- Adults
- children
- babies
- immigrants
- citizens
- non-citizens
- EVERYONE!



Why: The census helps the government decide how and where to spend our tax money. The money goes to:

- new roads
- schools and services for children
- hospitals
- healthcare programs
- seniors
- disabled people
- adult education programs





Private: Your information on the Census is private. It is illegal for Census workers to share your information. Census workers can go to jail if they share your private information.

Directions: After reading the “Census 2020 Facts!” sheet do the activities below.

A) Vocabulary match:

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| 1. Census worker | a. not shared |
| 2. Private | b. people living in one home |
| 3. Illegal | c. everyone needs to do it |
| 4. It is the law | d. against the law |
| 5. Household | e. an Enumerator |

B) Mark (T) for true or (F) for false next to each sentence.

- _____ 1. The census happens every year.
- _____ 2. The census is the law. All people in the United States must be counted.
- _____ 3. Each family will complete the census on paper, online **and** in person.
- _____ 4. You need to finish the census in March, 2020.
- _____ 5. We need to do the census because we can get more money for schools, roads and hospitals if all of the people are counted.
- _____ 6. It is against the law for census workers to share your private information.

C) Re-read the sentences you marked as (F) false. Write the true/correct information.

D) Talk to your classmates:

- Why is the census important?
- How does the census help people in our community?