

# THE 2020 CENSUS DEFINES YOUR DECADE



## Fill out the Census to make sure your community is counted.

It also helps bring funds directly to programs you care about that affect your friends and family. Because multicultural communities have traditionally been undercounted in the Census, the money allocated hasn't accurately reflected the realities of our communities.

### For example, the information you give can help:

- Determine how much funding schools in your area receive for bilingual services, Head Start Programs, school meal programs, special education grants, and child care and development funds.
- Determine funding for public transportation and roads in your community.
- Combat employment discrimination policies and practices and provide access to in-language training programs, and translation services.
- Uncover health disparities in your community and inform future policies and funding decisions.
- Allocate funds that support tribal communities, leaders, and programs.
- Shed light on disparities in funding for environmental programs. For example, programs that ensure healthy food and water, and programs that provide funding to improve unsafe homes.



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## Hispanic Origin and Race Question Overview

1. Census “Race and Hispanic Origin” information is used to protect your rights and support family and friends in your community.
2. You will be able to check off or write in your national origin, ethnicity, or principal tribe.
3. The Hispanic origin question will continue to be separate from the race question.
4. The race and origin questions for Census 2020 do not reflect the results from the Census’ own research.

## How the Hispanic Origin and Race Questions differ in 2020.

The 2020 Census will include two questions about race and origin:

1. “Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?” and
2. “What is this person’s race?”

The main goal of this section is to collect accurate information to correctly reflect the diversity within multicultural communities. New changes in the 2020 Census include:

- Latinos will be able to identify more than one national origin if they are of mixed Latino status.
- You can write in your national origin or principal/enrolled tribe after your race.
- The term “Negro” has been dropped from the Black or African American race category.
- The term “Guamanian or Chamorro” will be replaced with “Chamorro”.



### Citizenship

Courts have permanently blocked the current Administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau did include a question about citizenship status on a mailed survey as part of a test during the summer of 2019 though this is separate and apart from the 2020 Census.

### Confidentiality

Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Answers can only be used to produce statistics for resource allocation and protection of your rights—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to the Census are kept completely confidential.

### Tracking

Answers to the 2020 Census **WILL NOT** be used to track you or your family. Data is used to help support communities and ensure an equitable allocation of resources, funding, and legal rights.