

## Who is being counted?

Yes. The U.S. Constitution requires that the Census counts every resident in the United States regardless of their immigration status. All people should be counted to ensure that our community is fully counted.

## Will there be a question about citizenship on the 2020 Census?

No! As a result of the June 27 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the administration has abandoned its plans to add a question on U.S. citizenship to the 2020 Census. Judges in all three lower court cases (New York, Maryland, California) issued orders to permanently block:

- Addition of the citizenship question or any effort to ask about citizenship on the 2020 Census.
- Any delay in the printing of Census questionnaires after June 30.

The 2020 census will profoundly impact the future of our democracy and the health of our communities. Ensuring a complete count is a moral necessity. We must work together to ensure that the census promotes equality, not exclusion.

In past censuses years, millions of children, people of color, low-income people and immigrants have gone uncounted -- perpetuating systemic racism, undermining political representation, and underfunding resources we all use, everything from hospitals to roads to schools for the next 10 years.

People of faith like you can help fix that by educating our friends, neighbors and faith communities about how to participate in the 2020 Census -- and why it's so important. [BECOME A CENSUS AMBASSADOR TODAY!](#)

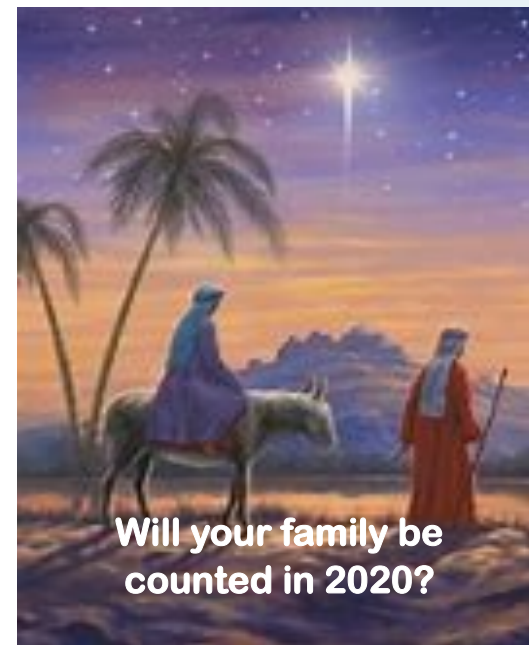


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Joseph and Mary traveled 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem to take the Census just in time for Jesus to be counted too.



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# FIGHTING FOR A FAIR & FAITHFUL CENSUS

## What is the Census?

The U.S. Constitution mandates that every 10 years the U.S. government count every person residing in the United States through the Census. The data collected is the basis of our democratic representation, critical to the protection of civil rights, used to annually distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to states and local communities, and helps businesses and other sectors make informed decisions. The data collected is used for the next decade.

## ALL LIVES COUNT



## Should I participate?

A fair and accurate Census is one of the most significant civil rights and economic justice issues facing our country today. In addition to ensuring fair political representation, enforcing civil rights laws and effective policy planning, census data are used to distribute federal, state, and local resources equitably and prudently. Federal agencies use census data to allocate over \$800 billion each year for vital community services such as emergency response, hospitals, job-training centers, schools, senior centers, nutrition assistance programs, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects.

Communities of color, urban and rural low-income households, immigrants and young children have historically been undercounted, which has deprived these already vulnerable communities of the fair representation and vital community resources we all need to build a thriving community. Your community can only get the full funding and representation it deserves when every single individual is counted in the Census -- including you, your family, and every person who lives in your household.



## How do I respond to the census?

The 2020 Census will be the first census to offer an online response option. However, everyone has the option of participating in the Census on paper through the mail, over the phone, or online. Most households (80%) will receive a letter in the mail inviting them to respond online with a unique identification code. With the identification code, you will be able to fill out the 2020 Census online. If you do not respond online using the identification code provided in the mail, a paper questionnaire will be sent to you which you can fill out and mail back to the Census Bureau. The other 20% of households, mostly seniors and people with no internet, will be sent a paper questionnaire to be completed and returned by mail. Those mailings will also include the option to complete the survey online.

If you do not respond to the paper questionnaire or skip questions on the form, individual Census official will try to contact you by knocking on your door.

