

Bevil Oaks City Council

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Important information about the 2020 Census Count

Why is the census count important?

The information on the attached pages will give more details as to why the count is important and what it does for our community and our country. It counts all people who live in this country. Everyone, legal or not.

I have concerns about giving out my personal information

Every census worker takes a lifetime oath to not release private information gathered. Penalties for those who violate this oath include a prison sentence up to 5 years and/or a fine of up to \$250,000. Personal information cannot be used or given to any other federal or state agency.

How will I identify the census workers?

They will come to your house if they did not receive your census response. They will have identification badges with their picture, name and Dept. of Commerce watermark and expiration date. They will also have an official letter, bag and supervisor's number they can present to you. The hours will be 9am to 9pm.

When will this take place?

You will receive a postcard in early March with your code information assigned to your residence. Call 1-800-354-7271 if you don't receive a card. The census is not very long. Call the number on the card to respond by phone (13 different languages). After you reply online, you can complete the survey online or request a mail in survey. Go to [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) for more information. If no response at all, a census worker will come in the summer. The general rule is that you are counted at the place you have resided for the majority of the year. For example, college students, construction workers or anyone who travels will put down an address where they reside the majority of the year.

