

## THE CENSUS MATTERS TO DC

**\$6B** 

The federal government distributes over six billion dollars annually to the District to support vital programs.



Census data is used to update Ward and ANC boundaries to reflect population growth and movement across the District.



District agencies rely on accurate census data for budgeting, planning and policy decision making across the city.

# DC Kids Count!

## THE CENSUS IMPACTS CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS

The Federal Government uses Census data to allocate \$128 million dollars every year to DC schools to fund and support critical needs and programming:

- Special education
- Free and reduced-price lunch
- Class size reduction
- Classroom technology
- Teacher training
- After-school programs
- Head Start



**Every child not counted is a loss in funding to DC Schools.**

**Census data is also used to allocate Federal dollars for Foster Care, SNAP, Medicaid and Housing Vouchers.**

For more information on how to get involved: [dccensus2020.dc.gov](https://dccensus2020.dc.gov).





# 2020 Census. Get Counted



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## What is the census and when does it happen?

The 2020 Census is a questionnaire that asks a few basic questions. Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States is asked to complete a simple but very important constitutional task: respond to the census.



## What types of questions does the census ask?

The 2020 Census asks questions about the age, sex and number of people who live or stay in your home, including young children and newborn babies. The next decennial census starts in March of 2020 and responding is easy, safe, and important.



## How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?

Census Bureau workers take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters. Children and families without a permanent residence who are staying temporarily with a friend or family on April 1, 2020 should be counted at that address.



## Are census responses kept confidential?

The law requires that the Census Bureau keep all information confidential and use responses only to produce statistics. Your responses are protected and cannot be used against you. Census Bureau employees are sworn to protect your personal information for life and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years in prison.