

You Count!

2020

CensusFrederickCounty

Everyone living in the United States is asked to complete a simple questionnaire every ten years that asks for basic information about the people who live or sleep in their home. Children under the age of five, however, are often missed.

When babies and young children are not counted, our community does not get the funds to support important resources such as food assistance, Head Start, childcare, housing support, public schools, special needs and early intervention services and more.

If you have children in your home, make sure they are counted in the right place.

Young children experience new adventures each day, and little ones need all of the support they can get during these early years.

- ✓ **Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents don't live there.**
- ✓ **If a child's time is divided between more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, or you don't know where they stay most often, count them where they are staying on Census Day—April 1, 2020.**
- ✓ **If a child's family (or guardian) is moving during March or April 2020, count them at the address where they are living on April 1, 2020.**
- ✓ **Count children in your home if they don't have a permanent place to live and are staying in your home on April 1, 2020, even if they are only staying with you temporarily.**
- ✓ **Count newborn babies at the home where they will live and sleep most of the time, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.**



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Ways Census Data impacts Frederick County



\$11,000,000 LOST

Due to undercounts in the 2010 Census, Frederick County lost over eleven million dollars! Those funds could have been used for improving our local schools, investing in public infrastructure and serving residents with programs and support to enrich our quality of life.

For each person (newborn, child or adult) that is not counted, our community loses \$18,000/person over the next ten years to invest into these and other important community programs and services.

What information will be requested?

The census will collect basic information about the people living in your household whether you own or rent. When completing the census, you should count everyone (*including all children*) who are living in your household on April 1, 2020.

What information will NOT be requested?

- Social Security numbers
- Bank or credit card account numbers
- Money or donations
- Immigration status
- Anything on behalf of a political party

Is my information kept confidential?

YES! ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL, PRIVATE, AND PROTECTED BY LAW!

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. **No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time.** Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

By completing the census, you ensure that Frederick County receives the support we need to ensure that you and our entire community can thrive.