



**You Count!**

**2020**

CensusFrederickCounty

Beginning in mid-March, the majority of Frederick County residents will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once received, individuals can respond online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

**Every uncoun-  
ted person  
in Frederick  
County could  
cost the county  
over \$18,000  
in the next  
10 years.**

### **What is the 2020 Census?**

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities like Frederick County across the country to support vital programs—impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

### **Why is the Census important to nonprofits?**

A complete and accurate count in the census ensures that Frederick County receives necessary state and federal funding for everything from schools and fire departments to Community Development Block Grants and Small Business Loans. 2020 Census data is also used to:

- ✓ **Inform local research studies, such as Community Foundation's Human Needs Assessment and United Way's ALICE report**
- ✓ **Help shape community funding priorities**
- ✓ **Determine how many seats each state is allocated in the House of Representatives**

**IMPORTANT. EASY. SAFE.**

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