



CENSUS 2020: WHAT TO EXPECT AT ENCAMPMENTS

Why is the Census important?

It's important that everyone gets counted in the Census because the Census is used to determine funding for things like affordable housing, food assistance programs, shelters, and other homeless services.

What Questions are Asked on the Census?

The Census only asks 9 simple questions including your name, birthdate, residence, sex, and race. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used **only** for statistical purposes.

There are **NO** questions about citizenship or immigration status. Your personal information is kept confidential so **no governmental agency can access your information** – including law enforcement and ICE.

When will you be Counted?

Census staff will be visiting encampments and other outdoor locations after midnight and into the morning on September 24.

Who will Count you on Census Day?

Census staff will be wearing Census ID badges and orange vests so that they may be easily identified. Census staff will follow the latest local public health guidance regarding the use of personal protective equipment and social distancing.

How will you be Counted?

Census staff, equipped with the recommended personal protective equipment, will interview you using a paper questionnaire that takes about 10 minutes to complete. Questionnaires will be available in English and Spanish. For any additional languages, Census staff will have language cards to identify other language needs and will look for translators nearby to provide additional translation assistance.

Census staff will not wake or disturb you. If you are asleep, Census staff will ask those nearby for information and note that an additional person helped provide this information.

What if I am Not Counted?

You can complete the survey online at [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)

- Select the link under the login button that says, "If you do not have a Census ID, click here."
- You can use the intersection of where you are sleeping that night or describe where you are staying and include the city and state in the address section.

Or you can complete the survey over the phone: For English, call 1-844-330-2020 or 12 other language lines are available at <https://2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html>



For more information, visit: [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov)
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