
What Groups Are Routinely Undercounted?

Children under three years of age and infants are often not counted. Remember that the census data are to be used over a ten year period, so these children are important to include in reporting your households.

Senior citizens is another group that routinely is undercounted. This is especially true for seniors who live in more rural and remote areas or in areas where there is extensive poverty.

It is so important that everyone be counted to ensure that services are adequately planned for and provided for all residents.



For More Information Contact:

Go to the League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear Website to ask any additional questions.

www.lwvlcf.org



The State has formed a NC Complete Count Commission. Use www.census.nc.gov for Statewide information.

Each county also has a committee.

Look online for the U.S. Census Bureau site for the latest developments. Use www.2020census.gov for that.

And finally, get a list of questions and answers at this site: <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>

The Census Is Coming! The 2020 Census Is Coming!



Every ten years the Federal Government conducts a population count of everyone residing in the country. Each person is to be counted, regardless of age, ethnicity, immigration status or place of residence. The Census has been taken since our nation was first founded. It is one of the requirements in our Constitution.



The League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear urges you to participate!

What Should I Expect?

Beginning in mid-March of 2020, every household will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 census. Once you receive this notice, each household can respond either online, by phone, or by paper copy of the form.

All residents in the household should be recorded including older relatives, all children regardless of age, and others who live in the household. **Census Day is April 1, 2020.**

If no response is received by the Bureau of Census by the end of April, census takers will make personal visits to collect the data. They will have official identification with them as census workers. The form should take about 10 minutes to complete for most families.



Why Participate?

In 2010 when the last census was taken, it resulted in \$675 billion in federal funds nationwide for distribution to the states. North Carolina realized \$23,750,000 as a state and Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties together, got \$772,000 to support services. If the count is relatively complete in 2020, North Carolina is also likely to get another U.S. Representative in Congress.

Money garnered by localities is used to support schools, SNAP, roads and bridges, hospitals, and fire departments just to name a few. Local decision makers also use the data collected for deciding how to best meet local needs. There's a lot at stake. Help us make sure our community gets its fair share.

What Happens to My Information?

Census data that specifically identify individuals are NEVER shared, even within government agencies. Your information will be kept confidential. Strict federal law protects your responses. You will not be asked for your social security number or for money or donations. Nothing is collected on behalf of a political party.



Statistics that are broad in nature are what is shared with localities but never personal identifiers. These numbers help localities plan for public services for their regions.

It Is So Important to Participate!