What's at Stake?

MUSLIMS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE HISTORICALLY UNDERCOUNTED IN THE CENSUS.

This decreases funding that our communities could benefit from for schools and healthcare and further limits our civic voice and representation.

We need to achieve a full and complete count of all communities to ensure fair representation in Congress and full funding for programs like Medicaid, Highway Planning and Construction, Children's Health Insurance Program, and Health Center Programs.

2020 CENSUS GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE IN 60 LANGUAGES: BIT.LY/CENSUSGUIDES

Resources

CAIR Washington and Somali Health Board will be holding information sessions on the census leading up to April 1st, 2020 in the following ways:

- IN-PERSON INFO SESSIONS AT COMMUNITY SPACES
- WEBINARS (LIVE AND RECORDED TO WATCH LATER)
- TABLING AT
 FRIDAY PRAYERS

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U.S Census Bureau

2020census.gov



Why Should Care About the Care About

Information collected from the census is used to make decisions that impact communities for the next 10 years.



SCHOOLS AND ROADS
HEALTHCARE FOR CHILDREN,
THE ELDERLY, AND LOWINCOME INDIVIDUALS



POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT INCLUDING REDISTRICTING AND REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE



THERE WILL BE NO CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE 2020 CENSUS.

What is the Census?

The census is a form distributed by the federal government every 10 years to collect demographic information about every person living in the U.S.

What Does the Census ask?

- THE AGE, RACE, AND GENDER OF EACH INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
- THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING AT YOUR ADDRESS ON APRIL 1ST
- WHETHER YOU RENT OR OWN A HOME

THE CENSUS DOES NOT ASK FOR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR BANK INFORMATION.

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES YOUR INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL FOR 72 YEARS.

HOW to fill it out?



(1) ONLINE

RECOMMENDED BY CENSUS BUREAU

You will get a letter in the mail in mid-tolate March with instructions to complete the census on the Census Bureau website.

2) PHONE

Once you received the letter, you can complete the survey over the phone by calling to speak with a Census Bureau official.

3 PAPER

If you would like to request a paper copy of the census, you can follow the instructions on the letter you receive in the mail.

IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS, CENSUS BUREAU OFFICIALS COULD VISIT YOUR HOME IN MAY OR JUNE TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU ABOUT COMPLETING THE CENSUS.

Completing the Race Question

If you are of Middle Eastern, Arab, Iranian, or Afghan descent, you have two options:

Identify as White:

The census lists Egyptian and Lebanese under white. This has been where many from the above ethnicities have identified but will inflate the statistics on white populations in your neighborhood.

Identify as Other Race: If you select this option, you can write in your ethnicity. This will increase statistical representation of diverse communities in your neighborhood.

For individuals who identify as Somali, Ethiopian, Pakistani, Indian, or other Asian, the census provides instructions on which box to check.

For individuals who identify as two or more races: You can select as many boxes as apply to you. However, if you select multiple races then your response will be counted as "Two or more races" on official Census data presentations.