

2020 Census Information

Indiana schools have an important role in the 2020 Census. We are asking for our parents help to make sure every Hoosier is counted. An accurate count in the Census assures we receive our fair share of federal funds that support programs like Title One, special education, before and after school programs, and school nutrition.

Unfortunately, children from birth to age 4 and those ages 5-9 are the two age groups most likely to be undercounted in the Census, as was the case in 2010. This has a financial consequence for our school corporation and community. It is estimated that for every child missed in the count is a loss of \$10,000 per child over the next decade!

Your voice is needed now to help promote awareness of the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count of children in our community.

The census process is a Constitutional requirement.

The Census is safe, secure, and confidential. Your information is confidential and safe and **will not** be utilized for other purposes beyond the Census count.

An accurate Census count is vital to schools receiving their fair share of funding to support operations. We need parents to help ensure every child is counted!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Census? What will happen in 2020?
 - a. The U.S. Constitution requires a count of all people living in the U.S. every 10 years.
 - b. 2020 will be the year in which the next Census happens.
 - c. Census forms will be available in multiple languages and can be completed online for the first time.
2. Who participates? Who should care?
 - a. Everyone participates because every counts!
 - b. Hoosiers care because everyone benefits from the data collected.
 - c. The Census count does not set apart citizens and non-citizens; all people, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, etc., living in the U.S. are counted.
3. Where are people counted?
 - a. Census responses should include all people living in a home, who do so for most of the year.
 - b. If people do not stay in any home for most of the year, included them wherever they are when the Census is completed.
4. When will the Census take place?
 - a. Forms will arrive in the U.S. mail in mid- to late- March 2020.
 - b. April 1, 2020 is Census Day in America.
 - c. If no response is received, Census Bureau staff will be sent door-to-door in May-June.
5. Why does the Census matter?
 - a. Constitutionally required- Directs \$883 billion in Federal funding, \$18 billion directly to Indiana, every year.
 - b. It is essential to our democracy because the data is used for the appropriation of congressional seats.
 - c. Data is also used to make districts of the Indiana General Assembly.
 - d. The count needs to be accurate, valid, reliable, and fair.