

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provides a guideline on how to distribute more than **\$675 billion** in federal funds annually to communities across the country.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

Responding to the census affects the amount of funding our community receives, how our community plans for the future, and your federal government representation. The City loses **\$2,000** for every person not counted, that's a total of **\$20,000** per person in the next ten years. Data from the 2020 Census is used to:

- Ensure public services.
- Provide funding for schools, hospitals, law enforcement, fire departments, and street improvements.
- Plan for new homes, businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

WHEN WILL THE 2020 CENSUS OCCUR?

Census Day is April 1st. Beginning on March 12, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses on line, by phone, or mail.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE?

The survey is 9 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to respond.

WILL QUESTIONS ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN SPANISH OR OTHER LANGUAGES?

Yes, besides English/ Spanish, the Census survey is available in 12 other languages.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED?

The census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. The questions will ask about age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, and relationship status. Make sure to count everyone who is living in your household regardless of age, or relationship!

WILL I BE ASKED ABOUT MY CITIZENSHIP STATUS?

No you will not.

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION WILL NOT BE REQUESTED?

The Census Bureau will **never** ask for:

- Social Security numbers
- Bank or credit card account numbers
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes, all Census responses are confidential. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. No law enforcement agency can access or use your personal information at any time.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR CENSUS JOBS?

By visiting 2020census.gov/jobs.

WHAT IS THE 2020 CENSUS TIMELINE?

- **March 12- 20:** Invitations to complete the 2020 Census will be mailed
- **March 21- April 3:** Reminder letters/postcards mailed
- **April 1, 2020:** Census Day!
- **April 8-27:** Final postcard reminders mailed
- **May - July 2020:** In Person non-response Follow-up
- **July 31, 2020:** Response period ends

WHERE CAN I GO TO LEARN MORE?

Visit www.cityofsouthgate.org/2020Census or 2020census.gov, or call (800) 877-8339.