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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 What is the 2020 Census?

- Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person in the U.S. as mandated in the Constitution.
- Every household should self-respond and complete a Census form by August 14, 2020.
- Participating in the Census is your right and responsibility!

2 Why does it matter if everyone is counted?

- Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on Census data. **We deserve our share.**
- The Census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and our entire community.
- The results also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

3 How can I participate in the Census?

- You can participate by responding to the Census [online](#), by [telephone](#), or by mail. Homes will begin receiving their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census between March 12 and March 20. Some homes will receive a paper questionnaire, sometimes known as the Census form. The Census form will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is currently living with you, or will be living with you, on April 1, 2020.

4 Is the Census in English only?

- No. You can complete the Census online or by telephone in 13 different languages.

5 Is my information confidential?

- **Yes. Title 13 of the U.S. Code requires respondents' information to be kept confidential** and guarantees personal information will not be used against respondents in court or by a government agency. Federal law also requires that Census data can only be used for statistical purposes.

6 Does the 2020 Census ask about citizenship status?

- **NO.** The 2020 Census does not ask whether you or anyone in your home is a U.S. citizen.

Have questions?

Please call the U.S. Census Bureau:

Census Hotline (English) 1-800-923-8282

NALEO Hotline: (English/Spanish)

877-EL-CENSO (877-352-3676).

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