

## What Programs Does the Census Affect?

Federal programs distribute over \$675 billion based on the population, for healthcare, food, education, and transportation. There are many programs the Census helps send money towards, some of these programs are:

- WIC
- SNAP
- TANF
- Medicaid
- Highways
- State Energy Programs
- School Breakfast and Lunch Programs
- Water and Waste Management
- Public Safety Planning
- Special Education
- Wildlife Restoration
- Coastal and Management
- Fire Prevention



For more information, visit:

[census.georgia.gov](http://census.georgia.gov)

and

[www.census.org](http://www.census.org)



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## Census 2020:

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## What is the Census?

The Census helps governments help people. It has been conducted every 10 years since 1790 to count every person living in the United States. The 2020 Census will be the first to be taken online. It is easier than ever.

The Census is important because it shows where everyone lives across the state. The Census influences legislative districts, county commissions, city council districts, school boards, etc. Federal funding is dispersed based on Census counts.

## Your voice matters.



## **Is the Census Private?**

The Census is protected by Title 13 in the U.S. Constitution. Laws have been added that require all information taken by the Census to be private and secure for 72 years. That means that the information from the 2020 Census will not be released until 2092. Every Census employee takes a lifelong oath to protect and secure Census data for a lifetime. Anyone who breaks the law is subject to 5 years federal prison time and a \$250,000 fine.

## **Is the Census Secure?**

The 2020 Census is the first Census to be taken online. This means that people can fill out the census on a secure and protected website that immediately sends the information to the census Bureau. The Bureau's secure servers ensure the encrypted transmission of data between your browser and the U.S. Census Bureau's servers is safe. The servers also encrypt all data stored on them.

## **Is the Census Safe?**

The Census collects information to produce statistics that are used in countless ways to benefit communities that are growing and shrinking. Personal information cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court. Every person with access to your data is sworn for life to protect your information. The penalties for violating this law are applicable for a lifetime.

**Census 2020 is easier than ever. You can respond online, on paper, or over the phone. Paper versions of the Census questionnaire will be available for those who cannot (or choose not to) complete the form online; call centers with multi-lingual support will also be in operation in several languages.**



**The Census is the best tool you can use to actively improve your community. Responding to the Census is important, but helping get the word out on the benefits of participating in the Census takes it one step further.**

