

# CENSUS 2020

## PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS COUNT, TOO!

Every decade, the government conducts a count of the entire population. This count will happen between March and July of 2020.

### IT'S ABOUT ACCESS TO IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES.

Population counts determine how billions in funding for schools, hospitals, roads, and social services is distributed.

### IT'S ABOUT FAIR REPRESENTATION.

Census data determines the number of representatives Illinois has in Congress.



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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

## COUCH SURFING OR STAYING AT THE HOME OF A FRIEND OR RELATIVE

In March 2020, every home will receive a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions on how to participate.

Forms can be completed online, by mail, or over the phone.

Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 to participate.

Every person residing in the house should be counted, including those staying temporarily.

## STAYING AT A SHELTER, ON THE STREET, OR IN A CAR

Service-based locations (shelters, soup kitchens) will be counted between April 29 and May 1, 2020.

Counts of non-sheltered outdoor locations (tent cities, underpasses) will take place the evening of April 30.

If you are staying in a shelter or receive services in the community, talk to staff ahead of time to confirm when and how their location is being counted.

People experiencing homelessness can also self-respond.  
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Responses are confidential by law.  
The census will NOT ask about your citizenship status.

## QUESTIONS?

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