

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. U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by the 4 liberal judges on the Court, authored the opinion in *Department of Commerce v. State of New York*; 139 S. Ct. 2551; 204 L. Ed. 2d 978 (2019) that blocked the Trump Administration’s intention to ask about citizenship status on the 2020 census form. Justices Alito, Thomas, Gorsuch and Kavanaugh found the citizenship question to be appropriate.

Are illegal aliens counted in the census?

Yes and No. First, it is important to understand that not all foreign nationals living in the United States are in our country illegally. Some non-citizens are legally living inside the United States and, by policy, are includable as a part of the population for representative apportionment purposes. Illegal aliens, on the other hand, should not be included in the final census counts for voting purposes. To account for the fact that there are a number of illegal aliens living in the United States, the Census Bureau has created and utilizes a sophisticated demography modeling technique that calculates an appropriate percentage of the non-citizens responding to the census questionnaire that are living in the United States illegally. This modeling technique, therefore, “corrects” the non-citizen population count to account for those non-citizens who are, in fact, illegal aliens. In this way, the 2020 Census will count everyone living in the country, including non-citizens who are here legally, but appropriately eliminate the illegal alien population for voting purposes.

Can my answers be shared with law enforcement or used against me?

NO. The law prevents the Census Bureau from sharing your information with law enforcement. Your answers cannot be used to impact your eligibility for government benefits. Your answers are only used to create statistics about our country. The Census Bureau is required by federal law to protect your personal information and keep it strictly confidential.

Do I have to answer the census questions by computer?

NO. The 2020 Census can be answered on the computer, but answers can also be given by phone, or by mail. People in our country that speak foreign languages will need to respond either by phone or by computer. There are 13 foreign languages to choose from (English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese). A hard copy census form will be mailed to every house that has not responded by computer or phone.

What questions WILL NOT be asked by the Census Bureau?

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask you for:

Your Social Security number.

Money or donations.

Anything on behalf of a political party.

Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate.

“Home Affairs” Hoax

A false rumor is circulating that individuals posing as workers for the Department of Home Affairs are going door-to-door to check IDs for the 2020 Census. There is no such thing as the “Department of Home Affairs.”

Will the 2020 Census Be Available On All Computers?

Yes. The 2020 Census online form will work on any computer that currently works on the internet.

Census Responses Not Tied to Potential Stimulus Packages

Your answers cannot be used to impact your eligibility for any government benefits, including any potential stimulus package.