

PREPARING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

ENUMERATION OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

People experiencing homelessness, whether in emergency and transitional shelters or non-sheltered locations, will be enumerated as part of the 2020 Census. In 2010, they were enumerated during the Service-Based Enumeration (SBE) operation. The SBE was conducted at service locations and targeted non-sheltered outdoor locations to provide an opportunity for people experiencing homelessness to be included in the census. These service locations include emergency and transitional shelters, soup kitchens, and regularly scheduled mobile food vans. The Census Bureau will partner with service providers to determine where we must count people experiencing homelessness.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Create or join a Complete Count Committee and partner with other trusted voices and influential leaders in your area who are committed to increasing census participation. Encourage your peers to get involved too.
- Raise awareness by including census information in newsletters, social media posts, podcasts, mailings, and on Websites.
- Help recruit census workers when jobs become available.



For more information, call the Atlanta Regional Office.

WHY DO WE TAKE A CENSUS?

The U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in: the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas of the United States. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens. The U.S. began conducting a census of population and housing in 1790. The Constitution mandates an apportionment of representatives among the states for the House of Representatives every 10 years. Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau must deliver a report of population counts to the president of the United States within 9 months of Census Day (on or before December 31, 2020).

Over \$675 billion/year is distributed to state and local governments using Census numbers (Over \$4 trillion over the decade).

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2.
"REPRESENTATIVES AND DIRECT TAXES SHALL BE APPORTIONED AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES WHICH MAY BE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS UNION, ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NUMBERS . . ."