

# #HoCoCounts 2020 CENSUS

Completing your census form ensures Maryland families, neighbors and communities receive the support they need to live, work, play and grow.

## IMPORTANT, EASY AND SAFE

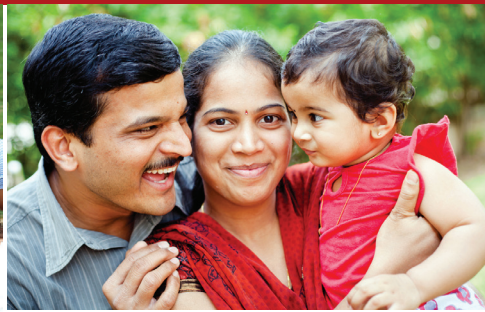
The United States is required to perform a national count of all people living in each state every 10 years. *(U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 2)*

The 2020 census impacts Maryland in several important ways:

- Determines representation in Congress and impacts local legislative districts;
- Is the basis for funding critical programs and services; and
- Assists local decision-making for economic development, school construction and transportation projects, as well as public health & safety and emergency planning.



**EVERYONE in Howard County Counts!**  
Don't miss being COUNTED in the 2020 Census!



### THE CENSUS IS IMPORTANT

Census data is used to determine the level of federal funding for programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants and Children (SNAP/WIC), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and highway and transportation projects.

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than **\$675 billion** in funding based on census data.
- Every Marylander **not counted** costs the state approximately **\$18,250** over 10 years. This equates to the state losing **\$26.6 billion** (based on historical U.S. Census undercount).

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**THE CENSUS IS IMPORTANT**

**THE CENSUS IS EASY**

Filling out your census form can be done in three ways — **by mail, phone and online.** The 2020 census will be the **first online census** in U.S. history. Answering the demographic questions in the census helps make sure your community receives its **fair share of funding** and that economic development and planning decisions accurately reflect your community on April 1, 2020.

## Some important facts to remember:

- College students should be counted at their college address, either on or off campus. They should be counted at their parents' home only if they live and sleep there.
- **All children must be counted including those under five years old.**

## THE CENSUS IS SAFE

The U.S. Census Bureau must keep all information confidential, including a resident's citizenship, income and other sensitive personal data.

- Data is collected for statistical purposes only and personal data is never disclosed.
- All census information is private and protected by law in Title 13 of the U.S. Code with violations punishable up to five years in federal prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

**Choose the way that you will be counted — by mail, phone and online.**  
**It is the portrait of us that will last 10 years, so let's get everyone in the picture.**



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