



Key Facts About the Census

The basics

- The census counts every person living in the United States, regardless of age or citizenship status, every 10 years in years ending in 0.
- It is in the Constitution.

It is important

- It is about money, power, and data.
- Every 10 years we help decide how taxpayer dollars come back to our communities. The 2020 Census will help to distribute billions of dollars in federal resources to your community.
- Our community gets resources based on census population counts, that help pay for hospitals, emergency services, schools, roads, and more. With the COVID-19 pandemic this is more important than ever.
- An accurate and complete census helps businesses, community leaders and elected officials make informed decisions every day.

Why is the census important to Vermonters?

- Data from the census is used to determine the allocation of funding for public services such as schools and hospitals. It is also used to determine how many representatives each state should have in the House of Representatives. And, census data assists in determining the number of Vermont state senators and representatives and their districts.

It is easy

- For the first time, people can respond online and by phone, in addition to the mail-in option. Your response impacts funding for your community for critical services for the next 10 years.
- The next decennial census happens in 2030.

It is safe and confidential

- Your data is protected, and it is confidential. Federal law protects your responses, which cannot be shared with law enforcement, immigration agencies, or housing authorities.

COVID-19 & the 2020 Census

- The 2020 Census is underway and the most important and safe thing you can do is respond online, by phone, or by mail. It has never been easier to respond to the 2020 Census. You can go to 2020Census.gov for Internet response or for telephone response in English, just call 844.330.2020.
- Responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send census takers out into communities to follow up with households.
- Please check this page regularly for updates and adjustments in response to COVID-19.



When and how will Vermonters complete the census?

- In March 2020, Vermonters will receive a piece of mail instructing them to complete the census. For the first time, the census may be completed online. However, it may also still be completed over the phone, or on paper and returned by mail.

Where can I go for more information?

- For more information about the census, visit 2020census.gov or call **1-844-330-2020**

What information will and will not be requested?

- The census will request basic information about the people living in your household on April 1, 2020. The census will not ask for Social Security numbers, bank account or credit card numbers, money or donations, or any information on behalf of a political party. Your census data will be kept completely confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Supplemental information

- Link to [Vermont's Census Response Rate](#) Map developed by the fine folks at the VT Center for Geographic Information. *(A visual of real time reporting rates Census rates in VT!)*
- [Vermont Census funding programs](#) by way of George Washington University Institute of Public Policy,
 - The document lists the 55 Large Federal Spending Programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census.
- George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, [Projected FY2015 Loss in Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage \(FMAP\) based program funds due to additional 1% Undercount in 2010 Census](#), by State. Table# 2 page 4