



# STAY SAFE & BE COUNTED NEWSLETTER

## STAY CONNECTED ON THE 2020 CENSUS.

*With the Census constantly evolving, it can be hard to know the most up-to-date information. Make sure to stay connected both on [Census.Ohio.Gov](https://www.census.gov/ohio) and through the official Census Bureau's press releases.*

**You can fill out your form online at [2020Census.Gov](https://2020Census.Gov), or call the telephone line at 844-330-2020.**

In light of the current health crisis, now is the time to take advantage of the ability to complete the Census online from home. We want all Ohioans to stay safe and get counted.

Ohio has consistently been above the national average of responding to the Census, but the fight to ensure every individual is counted is still on. The U.S Census Bureau will begin a soft launch in mid-July to resume field operations in six regional offices. They will follow up with households that have not responded to the Census.

Aside from regional offices, the Census Bureau is avidly working to modify existing plans to ensure an accurate count. The Mobile Questionnaire Assistance program, created to be in the community to help respondents, will be assessing current health conditions before offering in-person outreach.

Additionally, there is a new modified 2020 Census campaign that will extend paid media through September and promote new advertisements that will focus on reaching people at home, due to current social distancing rules. The Census campaign is now available in 45 non-English languages, which is a significant increase in accessibility from the previous offerings. It is highly encouraged to push for people to fill out their form online during this time.

Another important change to note is that people living in transitory locations, such as campgrounds, hotels or marinas, will be counted throughout the month of September. This count is done by the Census Bureau for people who do not usually live elsewhere, not those who are on vacation or are there temporarily. The Census should still be filled out where a person was living on April 1, 2020.

**Be Counted Ohio: It's easy, safe and important.**



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*Our Goal: Make sure every Ohioan is counted.*