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**Make the  
Berkshires  
Count!**

**Will you be spending the winter in another state but live the rest of the year in the Berkshires?**

**In 2020, the U.S. must count everyone in the country. It is called the Census.** The 2020 US Census is released in March 2020 and you will likely receive the Census at both of your addresses. If you live in the Berkshire's more than anywhere else, you should be filling out the Census for your Berkshire address. It doesn't matter where you are when you get the survey or if you pay taxes, vote, or register your vehicle in another state, it all comes down to where you spend most of your time – the place you call home.

The Census is used to determine our representatives in Congress and the Massachusetts legislature. The Census will also be used to decide how much state and federal dollars are sent to our area for a wide range of programs. Some of the programs that use Census data include

- Medicare and Medicaid
- Public Safety Grants
- Public Transportation Funding
- Fuel Assistance



**If you do not fill out the Census, these programs could lose money in our area and we can lose seats in Congress and the State Legislature. We need you to be counted!**

You will get a notice about the Census in early March and reminders over the next month. When you get the notice, please go online to fill out the census for your Berkshire address.

This Census will be online for the first time. If you do not have a computer, check your local library, senior center, or city/town hall for hours when you can complete the census on a computer there. If you feel uncomfortable with the online survey and do not respond to it, a paper survey will be sent to you in the mail in early April that you can use instead.

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**Please make sure you fill out your Census form online or in paper.**

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