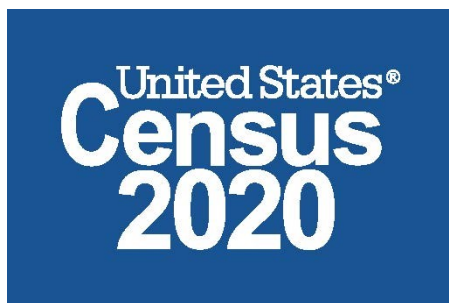


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**Make the
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Count!**

In 2020, the U.S. must count everyone in the country. It is called the Census. The Census will 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, Medicaid and Mass Health
- Public Safety Grants
- Public Transportation Funding
- Fuel Assistance

In addition to funding, the Census is used to determine the number of seats in Congress and the Massachusetts legislature.



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 Massachusetts Legislature. We need you to be counted!

You should have received a notice in the mail about the Census . Please go online to fill out the census. If you do not complete the Census, a worker will visit your home between May and July to get the information from you.

The Census is completely confidential and no personal information submitted is shared with any other government agency. The Census will never ask for your social security number, bank or credit card numbers or money. This Census will be online for the first time and it is safe. 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.

[2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov)