

# CENSUS 2020

## PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS COUNT, TOO!

Every decade, the government conducts a count of the entire population. This count will happen between March and April of 2020.

### IT'S ABOUT ACCESS TO IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES.

Population counts determine how billions in funding for schools, hospitals, roads, and social services is distributed.

### IT'S ABOUT FAIR REPRESENTATION.

Census data determines the number of representatives Illinois has in Congress.



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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

## COUCH SURFING OR STAYING AT THE HOME OF A FRIEND OR RELATIVE

In March 2020, every home will receive a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions on how to participate.

Forms can be completed online, by mail, or over the phone.

Every person residing in the house should be counted, including those staying temporarily.

## STAYING AT A SHELTER, ON THE STREET, OR IN A CAR

Census workers will visit service-based locations (shelters, soup kitchens) to record responses between March 30 and April 1, 2020.

If you are staying in a shelter or receive services in the community, talk to staff ahead of time to confirm when their location is being counted.

Responses are confidential, by law.  
The census will NOT ask about your citizenship status.

## QUESTIONS?

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