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.

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 October of 2020.

www.chicagohomeless.org/census2020
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

Counts of service-based locations (shelters, soup kitchens) and non-sheltered outdoor locations have been delayed due to COVID-19.

Counts will take place on a to-be-determined date, but if you have access to a phone or computer, you can self-respond.


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

QUESTIONS?
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