Frequently Asked Questions



Why does the census matter to me?

The census impacts life in Utah more than you may know. Census results are the basis for our political district boundaries, from our representation in Washington, D.C. to school boards and city council districts. The results inform how funding is allocated throughout our state and local government. The data gathered by the census also plays a role in planning from education and roads to healthcare and business. Infrastructure decisions and funding, from road repairs to transit development, use information based on census counts. Public safety uses these numbers to guide decisions about service areas, fire stations, police precincts and hospitals. The census impacts every part of life in Utah, so it's important to be counted.

Will my information be confidential?

By law, all information gathered by the census is confidential. Answers can only be used to produce statistics. Published data from the census does not have any personal identifiers. Information gathered by the census cannot be used against individuals by a government agency or law enforcement. The 2020 Census will not include any questions about citizenship status.

Who should fill it out?

The census is a record of where all individuals in the United States live on April 1st. Utahns living or studying abroad on this day, even if only temporarily, are not counted. All individuals in your household should be counted, including infants.

How long does the Census take? How many questions is it?

Everyone living in a household gets to respond to the Census. The Census form, with less than 10 questions per person, takes a few minutes to complete. If you are the householder you will have several additional questions to answer.

Will this impact Utah's congressional seats?

Utah is not expected to gain a fifth congressional seat from the 2020 Census, however, it is still important as it will determine your electoral representation at the local and state level.