It is important that everyone be represented in Utah and the way to do that is by taking the census, however, there is a lot you may not know about it. Get to know the census and how it impacts you—you may be surprised.

| **Census 101** | • The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years. The goal is to count every resident of the United States where they are living on April 1 regardless of age, ethnic group, citizenship or residency status.  
• For the first time, the 2020 Census will be offered online as well as by mail or phone. |
| **Representation** | • The census determines political representation from congressional seats to city councils.  
• Utah gained a congressional seat following the 2010 Census, and has continued to grow. In the 2000 Census, Utah missed out on a fourth seat by just 857 people—showing the importance of counting every Utahn.  
• Census numbers guide district boundaries for Congress, the Legislature, county commissions, city councils and school boards. |
| **Funding** | • Data collected from the census determines the distribution of more than $675 billion nationally in federal funding for education programs, transportation projects and social programs, impacting the lives of all of us in Utah. |
| **Infrastructure** | • Infrastructure decisions, from road repairs to transit developments, use census counts as a determining factor to ensure the highest possible impact of construction projects. |
| **Public Safety** | • Public safety uses census numbers to guide decisions about service areas as well as fire stations, police precincts and hospitals.  
• During and after a natural disaster, emergency managers use census numbers to plan rescue, recovery and rebuilding efforts. |
| **Privacy & Security** | • By law, all information gathered by the census is confidential. Answers can only be used to produce statistics with no 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. |

For more information or to take the 2020 Census, visit [Census2020.Utah.gov](http://Census2020.Utah.gov)