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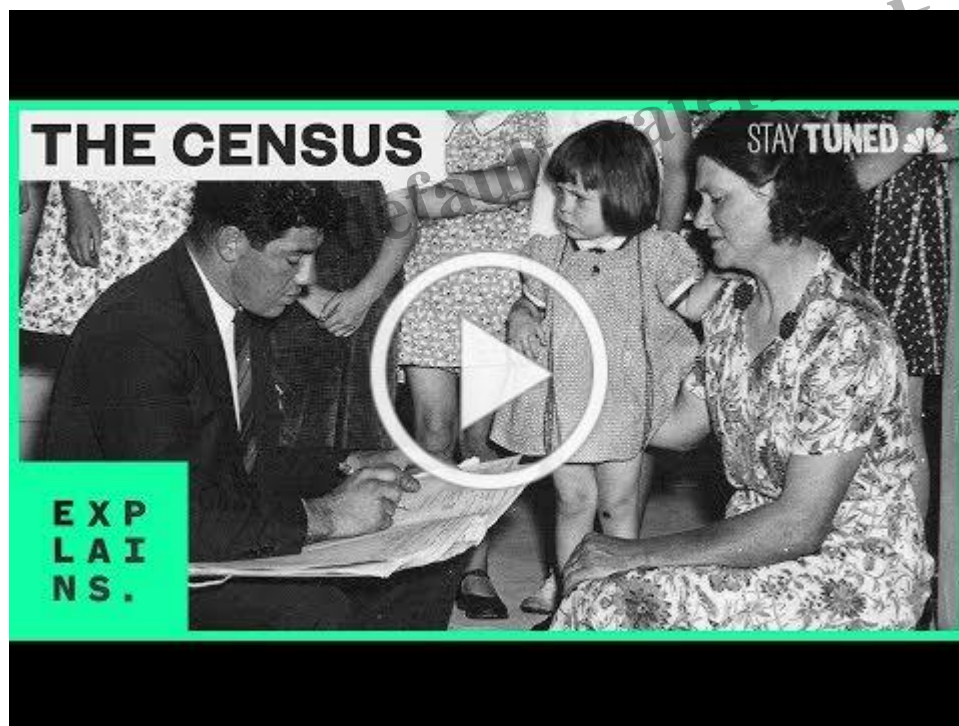
**Census response period ENDS on Sept. 30.**

**Fill out the Census online at: <https://my2020census.gov/> or by phone (1.844.330.2020). Mail-in questionnaires can also be requested.**

**WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT:**

- **Divvying up seats in Congress, state legislatures and more**
- The calculation for determining congressional districts is based on total resident population — which means citizens and noncitizens alike. Credit...Kiichiro Sato/Associated Press
- States including Texas, Florida, Colorado and Oregon are [projected to gain seats](#) after the 2020 numbers are in. Illinois, **Ohio**, New York and West Virginia are among the states **expected to lose seats**. An undercount could shift those projections.
- Lawmakers also use census data to [draw congressional district boundaries](#) within states, an often-controversial process that can help decide partisan control of the House. Census data also underpin state legislative districts and local boundaries like City Councils and school boards.
- **Handing out federal and state dollars**
- **Influencing business decisions**
- **Planning for various health and wellness programs**
- **Gaming out Social Security**
- ?An undercount in the census could also impact forecasts about Social Security payouts, which are already increasing as a share of the federal government's revenue.

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