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Description



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 <u>projected to gain seats</u> 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 <u>draw congressional district boundaries</u> within states, anoftencontroversial 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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