

Census 2020: Southeast Michigan Counts

An accurate Census will help to bring federal dollars to City of St. Clair for services.

What is it?

- The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. You will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1.

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Why does it matter?

- Results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country – for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.
- The census helps to determine federal funding distributions for roads, schools, emergency services, public transportation, libraries, and more.
- Results affect planning and funding for infrastructure – including programs for highway planning and construction, Section 8 housing, federal transit, community development, and rural water and waste disposal systems.
- After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts to account for population shifts.

How does it work?

- In 2020, you can complete the Census online.
- In mid-March, most residents will receive a letter that looks like this from the U.S. Census Bureau, with instructions and a unique ID number allowing you to complete the Census online.

Dear Resident:

This is your invitation to respond to the **2020 Census**. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at this address.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency readiness needs.
- Determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

Respond by April 1 at [url removed]	Your Census ID is: [Census ID removed]
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The Census Bureau is using the internet to securely collect your information. Responding online helps us conserve natural resources, save taxpayer money, and process data more efficiently. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, we will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free [phone number removed].

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham
Director

Enclosures

Mensaje importante: Para completar su cuestionario del Censo del 2020, visite [url removed] o llame gratis al [phone number removed].

- If you are unable to respond online within a few weeks, the Census Bureau will provide a paper questionnaire.
- When responding to the census, count every person living or staying in your home.
- Respond at the address where you were living or staying on April 1, 2020.

Is my information safe?

- By federal law, Census information is private and confidential.
- Personal information shared with Census cannot be used against you or anyone else by any government agency or court.
- Your responses can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your eligibility for government benefits.
- The Census Bureau encrypts all responses submitted online and stored in its computers. To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

Learn more at 2020census.gov.