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Dear Warren County Resident:

EXPECT THE 2020 CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE & INFORMATION IN YOUR MAIL SOON.

The U.S. Census Bureau's will be conducting a decennial Census in 2020 to count everyone once and in the right place. The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Census day is April 1, 2020. Here's a summary of why it's essential that everyone in Warren County is counted and how census data is used:

1. Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.

2. Apportionment of seats allocated to the states for the House of Representatives.

3. Helps Warren County qualify for state and regional grant projects and receive federal dollars for grants.

4. Allocate funds for grants for title 1 school districts.

5. Assist industries locate potential markets, and products and services the community needs.

6. Understand workforce size; job concentrations; potential markets for expansion and economic development strategies.

7. Plan the provision of health care, education, employment, transport, roads, and health care facilities, child-care and senior center.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE CENSUS BUREAU QUESTIONNAIRE

Personal information collected by the Census Bureau is confidential, and by law cannot be shared with law enforcement, the courts, immigration, or anyone for 72 years. Being counted in the Census is safe, quick, and very important to the future of our communities and state. Additional information on the Census is available at: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/about.html. We appreciate your assistance in achieving a better census count for Warren County.

Sincerely,

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Warren County Complete County Committee

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

The data that will be collected by the 2020 census are critical for Warren County and its communities.

Representation

Census data determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as districts for state government.

Funding

Census data guides federal spending allocation of approximately $589 billion to local communities every year.

Planning

Census data helps plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and emergency services to best serve changing populations.
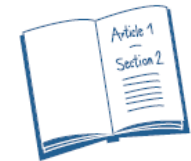
Business

Census data assists businesses in locating factories & stores, recruiting employees, and conducting market research

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.
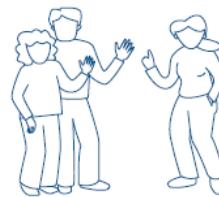
It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

It means $675 billion.

Census data determine how more than $675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It's about redistricting.

After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"
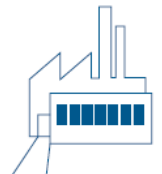
Census data are being used all around you.

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Your data are confidential.

Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.
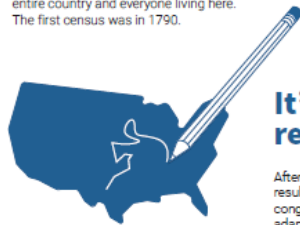
2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.