What Questions Are on the 2020 Census?

NOTE: WHEN FILLING OUT THE FORM, YOU MAY LEAVE SOME QUESTIONS BLANK

How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Here, you'll count everyone living and sleeping in your home most of the time, including young children, roommates, and friends and family members who are living with you, even temporarily.

Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020, that you did not include in the previous question?

Mark all that apply: Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children; relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws; nonrelatives, such as roommates or livein babysitters, and people staying here temporarily.

Is this house, apartment, or mobile home ...

...Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans. Is it owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)? Rented? Occupied without payment of rent?

This helps the Census Bureau produce statistics about homeownership and renting. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy and help with administering housing programs, planning, and decision-making.

What is your telephone number?

The Census Bureau asks for your phone number in case there are any questions about your census form. They will only contact you for official census business, if needed.

What is Person 1's name?

If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns the residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living there as Person 1. There will be opportunities to list the names of additional members of your household.

The Census Bureau asks a series of questions about each member of your household which allows them to establish one central figure as a starting point.

What is Person 1's sex?

This allows the Census Bureau to create statistics about males and females, which can be used in planning and funding government programs. This data can also be used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?

Note Person 1's age as of April 1, 2020. For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

The U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults.

Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before arriving in the United States. People who identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be any race.

These responses help federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

What is Person 1's race?

Mark one or more boxes AND print origins: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Chinese; Filipino; Asian Indian; Vietnamese; Korean; Japanese; other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Chamorro; other Pacific Islander; some other race.

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