



## July 2019 Census Test: What You Need To Know

- The Census Bureau sent a test census form to some households in July of 2019. The households were chosen randomly.
- The test census form asks for the number of people who live at your address, and for basic information about each person, like their name, gender, and age--these are the same questions that will appear on the 2020 Census. Half of the 2019 test census forms *also* ask a question about whether each person is a citizen of the United States--a citizenship question will not appear on the 2020 Census.
- Answer the 2019 test census form truthfully and to the best of your ability. The law requires that you respond to the test census form. You can respond online or by calling the phone number provided by the Census Bureau.
- Your response is confidential.
  - There are extremely strong confidentiality protections for census data--including your response to the 2019 Census Test--under federal law.
  - Your information cannot be shared with anyone outside the Census Bureau. This means immigration enforcement and other government agencies cannot see or use your census response or your test census response.
- **Remember to fill out the 2020 Census form in March 2020.** The form you received in July is not the census. You will still get an official 2020 Census form in March 2020.

*Starting in March of 2020 you should respond to the 2020 Census. Responding to the 2020 Census helps get funding, resources, and political representation for your community!*