The Aging Network

Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. Serving Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton Counties in Ohio

SPECIAL EDITION - CENSUS 2020

2020 is a Census Year!

Once a decade, the country participates in the Census, which provides the basis for re-distribution of Congressional seats, redistricting, and assigning billions of dollars in federal and state funding to support your state, county and community's vital programs. If you have not already received something from the Census Bureau, you will soon.



Many of the programs provided through the Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) are dependent upon federal and state dollars. It is imperative to have an accurate count of the population so that we have the opportunity to receive all of the funding available for our true population size in order to serve the people in our district who need our assistance.

This year, there are even more options to complete the Census. You can:

- Respond online (by using the Internet on some type of electronic equipment such as a computer, iPad, etc.)
- Respond by phone
- Mail a paper questionnaire
- Respond in person

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online, or an invitation with a paper questionnaire. Over March and April, if you have not responded yet, you will receive additional reminders to participate. If you have not participated through either the online method, by phone, or through mail, a Census taker will follow-up with you in person.

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will <u>never</u> ask you for: your Social Security number; money or donations; anything on behalf of a political party; or your bank or credit card account numbers. If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate.

Participating in the Census is a part of our civic duty and important to make sure our district has fair representation and appropriate funding based on our population.

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.



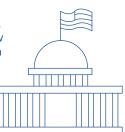
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It's in the Constitution.

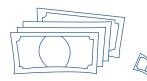
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

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 \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.



It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

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Fresh Fruits and Vegetables!

Would you like to receive \$50 in coupons to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at local Farmers Markets or roadside stands?

Visit the Area Agency on Aging District 7's website at www.aaa7.org to see if you qualify and to obtain an application.

Or call 1-800-343-8112 to request an application.



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Be Counted! Read inside to learn more about the importance of participating in the Census.