

In order to make certain that every state gets fair political representation, the United States Constitution requires a census every 10 years. Leaders in the community and elected officials use census data to make important decisions regarding funding for things such as education, senior citizen and veteran supports as well as services and supports for people with disabilities. So, it's crucial to get an accurate count.

Everyone, including people with disabilities, must be counted.



Why the Disability Community Matters When Counting the 2020 Census

While the census only happens once every 10 years, data collected plays an essential role in the everyday lives of people with disabilities.

According to the CDC, people with disabilities make up around 26% of the United States population, nearly one in four people!

Did you know that the census, not the CDC estimates, is actually what determines the distribution of funding for important necessities such as health care, special education grants, assistive technology, Medicaid, etc. Without accurate numbers, these services and programs could have funding reduced, or in some cases, the funding may be cut completely.

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The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.

It's important and easy for you to be counted!

We're making sure that **however you choose to respond** - online, by phone, or by mail - that **the census is accessible**. You can choose how you want to respond.



You can respond **online** in English or in 12 additional languages. The online questionnaire is accessible, following the latest web accessibility guidelines. We'll also have a video in **American Sign Language** available to guide you through responding online.



You can respond by **phone** in English or in 12 additional languages at 844-330-2020. You can also respond in English by **TDD** at 844-467-2020.



We have mailed a **paper questionnaire** to every household that hasn't already responded.

We'll have **braille and large print guides** available online to assist you with completing the paper questionnaire.



If necessary, you can respond **in person** beginning in mid-May. Census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded.

We'll have census takers available who can communicate in **American Sign Language** and additional languages. When the census taker visits to help you respond, you can request that another census taker who communicates in American Sign Language returns, if you prefer.

If you prefer, you may also choose to have another member of your household interact with the census taker.



Client Comments
Why we do what we do

"The advocate is a great person and has helped me greatly and am very thankful for DRWV. You are a great protection and advocacy team."



Any questions?
Please visit **2020census.gov**.
This website is 508 compliant and accessible to people of all abilities.