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# Shape Your Future – Participate in the 2020 Census

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Nearly every household in the United States will be receiving an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census, either in the mail or from a census taker. Ninety-five percent of households will receive their invitation in the mail, and those are expected to go out between March 12th and March 20th. Most households will be invited to respond online, some will receive paper questionnaires. The US Census Bureau will be following-up with reminders through the end of April, and if you have not responded online, by phone or by mail, they will be following up in person beginning in May. The Village, Brunswick County and our community partners will be getting the word out about the census using multiple communication methods from now through May.



## **What’s in it for you?**

The information from the census is used to inform where over \$675 billion is distributed by the federal government to communities nationwide to fund clinics, schools, roads and more. Your census data provides businesses with data to decide where to locate offices, stores and factories to create jobs. Your census data helps real estate developers decide where to build new homes and rehabilitate old neighborhoods. The census helps local governments like the Village make decisions about infrastructure, public safety and emergency preparedness.

The responses you provide to the US Census Bureau are used to draw legislative districts and to determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. According to NC Counts Coalition, assuming North Carolina has an accurate census count, the state is projected to gain one additional seat in the US House of Representatives.

## **Is your information safe?**

Your responses to the 2020 Census are protected and are safe and secure. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way (not by the FBI, CIA, DHS, etc.).

## **What will be asked?**

You will be asked a few simple questions such as age, sex and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

## **What won’t be asked?**

You will never be asked to provide your Social Security number, bank number or credit card numbers; for donations; or anything associated with political parties.

## **Where should I be counted?**

The Census Bureau counts people at their usual residence, which is the place where they live and sleep most of the time. For people who do not have a usual residence, they should be counted where they are on Census Day (April 1, 2020).

## **Do you have more questions?**

If you have more questions about the 2020 Census, please visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or call 800-923-8282.

## **Do your part**

Respond to the census and help by spreading the word to others. Responding to the census fulfills our civic duty and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has had a census every 10 years since 1790 — that was even before Old Baldy was built!