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About the League

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots organization that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League, strictly nonpartisan, does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters operates at national, state and local levels through more than 800 state and local Leagues in all 50 states as well as in DC, Virgin Islands and Hong Kong.

The League of Women Voters of San Antonio is an all-volunteer organization.

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**U.S. CENSUS
2020**



BE COUNTED

It's important

It's easy

It's urgent



WHAT IS THE U.S. CENSUS?

- A count of everyone living in the U.S. on April 1, 2020. The Census is a once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and several Pacific Islands.
- The Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution Article One, Section 2.
- The first census was in 1790.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE CENSUS?

- The Census is for EVERYONE regardless of age or immigration status.
- Residents are required by law to complete the information requested.

WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

The Census provides vital information for you and your community.

- Census results are used to determine the apportionment of Congressional Districts and of state legislative districts.
- The federal government uses Census data to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually.
- With increased growth in the country, getting an accurate and complete count of every person living within is crucial to ensure that each state receives funding to support the number of residents in



each state.

- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- U.S. Census data is used to make decisions around education, healthcare, infrastructure, and political representation.
- The Census also determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries at the federal, state and local levels. Redistricting counts will be sent to the states by March 31, 2021.

WILL THERE BE A CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE CENSUS FORM?

NO

- On June 28, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling suspended the citizenship question from being used.

IS THE CENSUS DATA CONFIDENTIAL?

- Responses to the 2020 Census are protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.
- The records of the Census are sent and stored in the U.S. National Archives for 72 years before release.
- The Census Bureau cannot release information about individuals,



households, or businesses even to law enforcement officials.

- Census responses cannot be used against ANYONE by any government agency (FBI, CIA, ICE, DHS or court).
- Answers can only be used to produce statistics. The law requires the Census Bureau to keep information confidential. Answers CANNOT be used against anyone in any way.
- Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect the personal information of respondents.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

- Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. The online and phone response system will be available in 13 languages.
- 95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.
- 5% of households (with PO boxes) will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off.
- A first invitation to respond will be sent between March 12 and March 20, 2020.
- Multiple reminders will be sent before following up in person.