

4 Things You Have Wrong About the Census

Myth #1: There's a citizenship question.

False. There is no citizenship question on the Census. And, you do not need to be a citizen to be counted. The goal of the Census is to count every person living in the US.

Myth #2: My answers will be shared.

Incorrect. The law requires the Census Bureau to keep information confidential. The Census Bureau is only allowed to produce summary data that provides an overview of the population, but nothing representing specific individuals.

Myth #3: My answers could be used against me.

Never. The law prohibits the Census Bureau from sharing information with law enforcement or immigration enforcement agencies under Title 13. Your answers cannot be used to impact your eligibility for government benefits either.

Myth #4: The Census is like a survey – optional.

Wrong – it's the law. Counting every person living in the United States is done every ten years following Article 1, Section 2 in the Constitution. Participating in the Census is how we get a true picture of America and we need everyone to respond.

Take the Census Now