

WHAT'S THE CENSUS AND WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT?

1. What is the census?

The census is a headcount of a group of people. It is a basic form of record keeping. It was written into the U.S. Constitution. The government counts every person living in the U.S.

2. How often is the census taken?

The census is taken every 10 years.

3. Who does the census affect?

The census affects all people in the country.

4. How does the census impact our lives?

It helps us determine political power and allocate local and state funding (answers may vary).

5. When did the first census take place?

The first census took place in 1790. George Washington was president. Four million people were counted in the first census. Marshalls counted people.

6. How Many people were counted in the 2010 census?

309 million people were counted in the last census taken in 2010.

7. How is the census collected today?

The census is collected by person, mail, and online.

8. How does the census help us determine political power?

The census helps determine political power by using the population count to identify the number of representatives for each state in the house.

9. How is does the census add up all the population?

The census adds up the population by breaking up cities and states into regions, divisions, blocks, and tracts.

10. What happens if a person does not complete the census?

It is required by law to complete the census. A person can be fined if they do not complete it

11. What is different about the 2020 census?

The 2020 census allows people to use the Internet for the first time to complete the form.

12. How many questions are on the census?

There are 7 questions on the census (age, race, sex, renter, owner, relationship status, Hispanic origin).

13. What did the supreme court decide about adding a question on the census asking for people's citizenship status?

The Supreme Court ruled against place a question about citizenship status on the 2020 U.S. Census.

