

# Census Outreach to Communities of Color

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### WHAT **EVERYONE** SHOULD **KNOW** ABOUT 2020

Once a decade, America comes together to participate in the decennial census, creating national awareness of the census and statistics. This census provides the basis for reapportioning Congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing billions of dollars in federal funding to support your state, county, and community's vital programs.

We included a printable version of "Census 101" fast facts to share with your community on pages 18-19.

### Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



### It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.





### It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

### It's about redistricting.

After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.



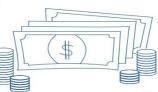
#### It means \$675 billion.

Census data determine how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.

### Your data are confidential.

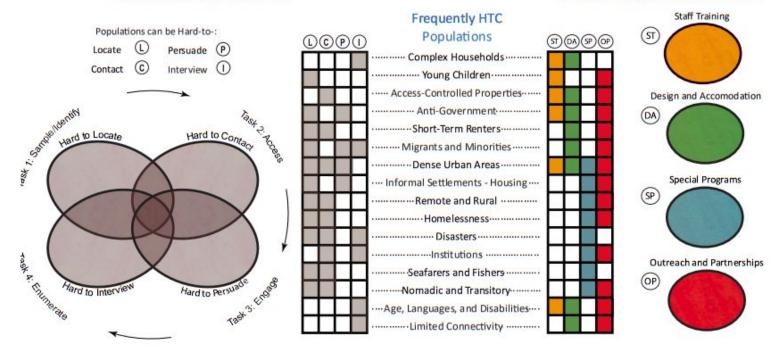
Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.



#### What Makes Populations HTC?

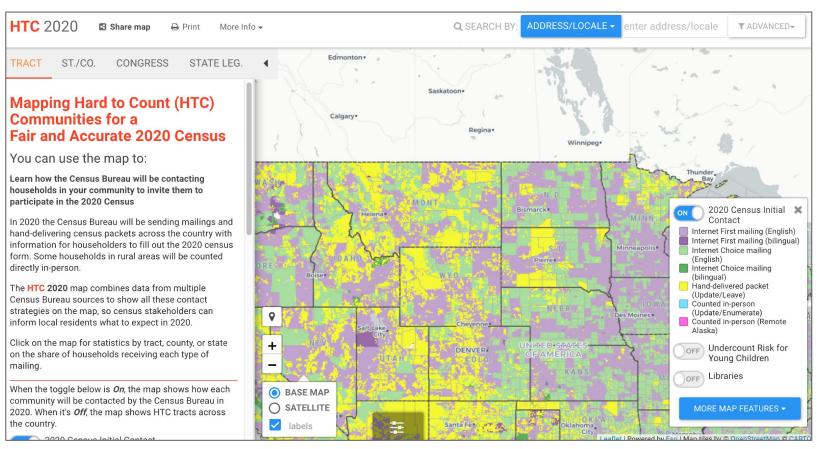
#### Which Strategies Can be Effective?



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Hard to Count Map

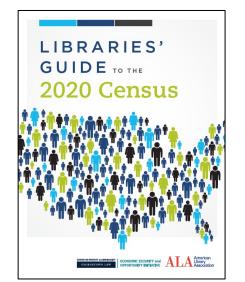
#### https://www.censusardtocountmaps2020.us/



# **Gavin Baker**

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Libraries and the 2020 Census



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### BECAUSE LIBRARIANS BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE COUNTS.

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## **Key Dates** \*varies in some areas

- March 12-20: First 2020 Census mailings; reminders follow
- March 12: Online & phone response options open
- April 8-16: Paper questionnaires mailed to non-respondents
- April 20-27: Last reminder mailing
- May 13: Household visits begin
- July 31: Online & phone response options close

# **ALA Resources**

**Responding to the 2020 Census:** bit.ly/LibRespondCensus **Programming, Outreach, & Partnerships:** bit.ly/LibCensusOutreach

Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census: bit.ly/LibrariesGuideCensus2020

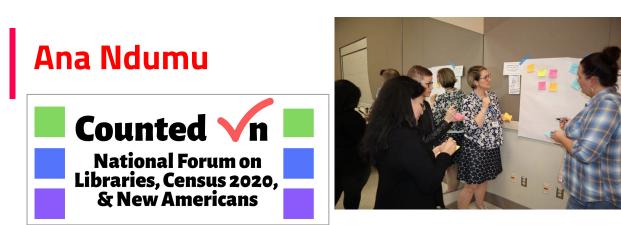
**PLA Conference:** Feb. 28, 3:30 pm **American Libraries Live Webinar:** March 4: bit.ly/ALLiveCensus

additional resources at ala.org/census

# **Kelvin Watson**



ALA American Library Association













Libraries Encouraging Census Participation Among New Americans



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### IMMIGRANTS MATTER. IMMIGRANTS COUNT. CENSUS 2020 + YOUR LIBRARY

SHAPE your future. Learn bow to REPRESENT your community. TRENGTHEN your family.

#### Additional Census Outreach Material



#### I count, you count, we all count in the 2020 Census.

Every 10 years, the census counts every person living in the United States. Our responses to the census shape how more than \$675 billion dollars in public funding is distributed to our communities for health care, education, and more. Complete the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. All personal information is kept confidential by law.

Shape your future

START HERE >

Census 2020

For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS.GOV



#### Shape the future for our families and communities.

Census data informs funding for things important to everyone, like neighborhood health clinics, after-school programs, college grant programs, and so much more. Help shape the future of our community. We count and so do you.

2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape your future Census 2020



#### Count everyone in your home to shape the future.

Your response to the 2020 Census will help inform how more than \$675 billion in federal funding each year is distributed to communities for education, health care, and other services. Responding is important for you and your family, so include everyone in your home on your census questionnaire. Shape your future START HERE > 2020CENSUS.GOV



#### They count on you to help shape their future.

The education of our children is the key to a better future. Responses to after-school activities, and other education programs like Head Start. Make sure to do your part. Count everyone living or staying in your home on your consus form and help shape the future of our children.

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#### Tu trabajo cuenta mucho y tú también.

Census 2020

No importa si solo viniste a los Estados Unidos a trabajar, tú también cuentas en el Censo del 2020. Al ser contado, ayudas a que nuestras comunidades se beneficien con mejores escuelas, transporte público y más clínicas de salud.

Puedes llenar el censo por internet, por teléfono o por correo y estará disponible en español.

Además, tus respuestas son estrictamente confidenciales y por ley, tu información personal no se puede compartir con agencias de gobierno como ICE, el FBI o la policía.

Census 2020

Dale forma a tu futuro Para más información, visita 2020CENSUS.GOV/ES EMPIEZA AQUÍ >



### **Question & Answer Time**