

The U.S. Census Bureau is carefully monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and will follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities.

We are encouraging everyone to respond online as soon as each family receives their invitation with the provided instructions on how to complete the form.

The invitation will also include *phone numbers for English and the 12 additional languages* – ensuring over 99% of U.S. households can respond over the phone in their preferred language. Telephone assistance is available seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. EDT for those who prefer to respond by phone.

Some households—*in areas less likely to respond online*—will receive a *paper questionnaire in the first mailing; all households that have not responded online or by phone will receive a paper questionnaire between April 8 and April 16*. The paper questionnaire includes a prepaid postage envelope to return it by mail.

As a reminder, responses to the 2020 Census will drive decisions on the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to states and communities each year for the next 10 years.

That includes money for school programs and services such as special education, free and reduced-price lunches, class size reduction, technology purchases, teacher training, and afterschool activities.

The \$675 billion also includes funds for services that influence student readiness for learning, such as child health programs and assistance with housing, heating, and food costs.

Encouraged your families to complete the US Census either by phone, online or by mail.

Ofisi ya sensa ya Marekani inafuatilia kwa umakini hali ya coronavirus (COVID-19) na itafuata mwongozo wa viongozi wa shirikisho, serikali na serikali za mitaa pamoja na wasimamizi wa afya mitaani.

Tunahimiza kila mtu kujibu kwa njia ya mkondoni mapema iwezekanavyo kila familia itakapopokea mwaliko wao kwa sensa hii na maagizo yaliyotolewa kuhusu jinsi ya kujaza fomu.

Barua ya mwaliko pia itajumuisha **nambari za simu za Kiingereza na lugha 12 za ziada** - kuhakikisha zaidi ya 99% ya kaya za Marekani zinaweza kujibu simu kwa lugha wanayopendelea. Msaada wa simu unapatikana kwa siku saba kwa wiki kutoka 7 a.m. hadi 2 a.m. EDT kwa wale ambao wanapendelea kujibu kwa simu.

Kaya zingine - katika maeneo ambayo haziwezi kujibu mkondoni - zitapokea dodoso la karatasi katika barua ya kwanza; kaya zote ambazo hazijajibu mkondoni au kwa simu zitapata dodoso la karatasi kati ya Aprili 8 na Aprili 16. Dodoso la karatasi linajumuisha bahasha ya posta ya kulipia ili kuirudisha kwa barua.

Kama ukumbusho, majibu ya Sensa ya 2020 yatatoa maamuzi juu ya mgao wa zaidi ya \$ 675 bilioni katika fedha za serikali kwa majimbo na jamii kila mwaka kwa miaka 10 ijayo. Hiyo ni

pamoja na pesa kwa programu na huduma za shule kama vile elimu maalum, chakula cha mchana bure na cha kupunguzwa, kupunguzwa kwa idadi ya wanafunzi ndani ya darasa, ununuzi wa teknolojia, mafunzo ya ualimu, na shughuli za shule baada ya masomo.

Bilioni 675 pia ni pamoja na pesa kwa huduma zinazoshawishi utayari wa wanafunzi kusoma, kama programu za afya ya watoto na msaada wa nyumba, kuweka joto ndani ya nyumba wakati wa baridi, na gharama ya chakula. Ilihimiza familia zako kukamilisha sensa ya Marekani kiwa kwa njia ya simu, mkondoni au kwa barua.