

Your 2020 Census Guide for immigrants

How will the census impact my family and I?

There are over 1.5 million immigrants in the City of Los Angeles. If immigrants are not counted, L.A. could lose funding for critical programs that many immigrant families rely on, including Head Start, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, food stamps), and the National School Lunch Program.

Your 2020 Census information is protected.

For the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau recommends completing the questionnaire online. Whether you complete the questionnaire online or the paper application, protecting your personal information is paramount. By law, your personal information cannot be used against you and the U.S. Census Bureau has taken security measures to ensure the process is safe and secure every step of the way.



Will my information be safe? Can it be used against me or my family?

The Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 ensures that your information and data are protected from external cybersecurity risks. Your name, address, and telephone number will never be disclosed or published. Further, the U.S. Census Bureau is not allowed to use the information you provide against you. Title 13 of the U.S. Code prohibits the Census Bureau from sharing identifiable information that you report with any other government agency or official (including immigration officers or any law enforcement agency), outside entity, or court of law for any reason.

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