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.

Confidentiality

Title 13
Title 13 of the U.S. Code prohibits the U.S. 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.

Census oath
Every U.S. Census Bureau employee takes a lifetime oath to protect your personal identification and is not allowed to use the information you provide against you for any reason. Violations of the law can be punished with a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of $250,000, or both.

Cybersecurity protections

Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act
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.

Census Action Kiosks
If you need help responding to the census online, go to census.lacity.org to find a Census Action Kiosk near you.

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