What do you already know about the census?
Shape your future

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United States Census 2020
Today’s Goals:

● We will learn about the basics of the census:
  ○ What?
  ○ When?
  ○ Where?
  ○ Who?
  ○ How?
  ○ Why?

● We will discuss ways you, SSAN members, and your communities, can play a role in a successful 2020 Census

● We will take pledges and photos for our #DisabilityCounts2020 Campaign
What is the census?

The federal government counts every person living in the United States by asking every person to fill out a short survey.

The survey asks for the following things:

- Name
- Relationship to people you live with
- Sex
- Age
- Date of birth
- Race & Hispanic origin
- What housing do you live in
Does the census ask about disability?

No.

So, why is it important that I complete it?
Goal of Census

An ACCURATE & COMPLETE count of all people living in the United States.

Every person is counted once

Every person’s correct information is collected.
When is the census?

The census happens every 10 years
(the first census was in 1790!)

When is the 2020 census?

March - August 2020
Who takes the census?

ALL people living in the US, those with and without documentation.

ALL people of all ages - the oldest and the youngest.
How does the census actually happen?

**Federal Census Bureau**
- Hires workers & actually surveys people
- Governs the census, including what states have to do
- Provides help and guidance
- Provides funding/money

**State-by-State**
- State government leadership and funding
- Local governments
- Non profit organizations, businesses, etc.

**Education & Outreach**
How will CA get an **accurate, complete** count?

CA Complete Count Committee

County & city complete count committees

Organizations given money by CA Complete Count Committee to do outreach and education for specific populations that are harder to count
15 Hard-to-count Populations in CA

People with disabilities
Older Adults
Middle Eastern & North African
Black/African American communities
Latino communities
Farm workers
0-5 year olds
Rural communities
Native American & Tribal communities
Renters
People experiencing homelessness
LGBTQ individuals
Immigrants and Refugees
Limited English Proficiency
Low broadband rates and limited to no access
Where does the census happen?

Every person living in the US is counted which means the census takes place where every person lives or stays:

- **Self Response** - people are asked to fill it out on their own first,
- Houses, mobile homes, apartments - all housing units.
Where does the census happen?

- **Group Quarters** - census workers go to where people live in group settings
  - Groups homes, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, college dormitories, prisons, shelters, homelessness encampments, military barracks, residential treatment centers
More about group quarters


List of “group quarters” have been collected over the years by the Census Bureau and each location should have an administration (often a director or manager)

In February 2020, Census Bureau will begin contacting group quarters administrators to get the information needed for Census, including scheduling the date and time for when the count/enumeration will happen
Why is the census important?

Number of seats per state in the House of Representatives, one of two groups of people elected every two years to represent their areas or districts

Impacts how districts are set up in every state, the rules that say where you need to vote from

Impacts how $675 billion are spent for different federal programs and services across the country.
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- Education
- Food & Housing Support
- Emergency Services & Disaster Response
- Long term Services & Supports
- Employment & Vocational Rehab
- Health Care
- Services for Rural communities
COUNTING FOR DOLLARS 2020: CALIFORNIA
Allocation of Funds from 55 Large Federal Spending Programs
Guided by Data from the 2010 Census (Fiscal Year 2016):

$115,133,486,972
Why is the census important to people with disabilities?
Our services & supports
Fair and accurate government representation
We experience more barriers than people without disabilities to getting counted
and MORE....
Barriers may include:

Communication and Language, including American Sign Language and plain language

Accessibility of online form and website

Accessibility of all outreach and education activities

Limited or no access to the internet

Distrust and fear of the government

Disability Cultural Competency by US Census Bureau workers

And more...
Increasing internet access for people with disabilities across the state is one of the ways towards an accurate and complete count.
Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.
Our local communities: Inclusion and Reaching a Complete Count

- What barriers may impact your local communities of people with disabilities?
- What will your local regional center do help?
- What will your SCDD regional office do to help?
- Who and what organizations do people trust most?
The Power of Your Participation & Leadership

What you and your communities can do?

(Take the census! DUH!)

Get more information and ask questions

Share about the census with your friends and families

Join your local complete count committee

Work or volunteer for your local census activities

Join the #DisabilityCounts2020 California Campaign
Take the Pledge & Join Us

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