

THE CENSUS MATTERS TO DC



Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires that we take a count of America's population. The goal is to count everyone once in the right place.

Uses Of Census Data



The federal government distributes over three billion dollars annually to the District to support vital programs based on census data.



Census data is used to update Ward and ANC boundaries to reflect population growth and movement across the District.



District agencies rely on accurate census data for budgeting, planning and policy decision making across the city.



Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build offices and stores-creating jobs for the community.

DC uses census data to update Ward and ANC boundaries every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count every person living in the US, once and only once, and in the right place. By law, the U.S. Census must deliver a report on the population counts within 9 months of "Census Day" (April 1, 2020).

You Can Help

RAISE awareness by including census information in community blogs, listserves, social media posts and more.

WORK with your civic associations, schools, and faith-based communities to organize through outreach and special events.

ATTEND a census information session to learn ways to engage your community. Invite a member of the DC Census team to speak to your organization.

STAY UPDATED on news, special events and important dates.



The District is committed to getting the highest response rate possible. We are starting the engagement process now and will continue through early 2020 to ensure that all residents understand why the census matters and how to participate in the new online format.