

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the Virginia Complete Count Commission?

The Virginia Complete Count Commission is a commission created by Governor Ralph S. Northam to improve the participation and representation of all Virginians in the 2020 Census. The Commission will facilitate the sharing of ideas and community resources regarding the 2020 Census as well as serve as a conduit between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Census Bureau.

## How can I help with the 2020 Census and the Virginia Complete Count Commission?

To ensure that all of the diverse voices of the Commonwealth are heard and all Virginians are counted, the Office of the Governor is looking for individuals involved in their community to become Virginia Complete Count Commission Census Ambassadors. Ambassadors are Virginians that are passionate about having an accurate Census count, are active in their community and local organizations, and excited to engage their fellow Virginians with information about the 2020 Census.

## What is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the United States Constitution. The decennial census counts each person in the United States and its territories, where they live on April 1, 2020 and every ten years ending in zero.

## Why does the census happen every ten years?

The Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Sections 2 and 9 directs that a census or population count be taken every ten years. The census serves as a means to take that count.

## Do I have to respond to the 2020 Census?

Yes, response is required by law. Answers are kept confidential and your responses will only be used to produce statistics.

## Are responses to the Census confidential?

Yes, strict confidentiality laws protect respondents and the information they provide. For more information on confidentiality and how your data is used, visit: [ask.census.gov](https://ask.census.gov)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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