

Census 2020 results could mean extra money for Arizona

Data collected in the 2020 Census will provide a fresh snapshot of our nation—how much our population has grown, how demographics have shifted by states, and our overall makeup including age, race and sex. The census information is used to determine your congressional representation as well as federal funding distributions to states for state, regional and local programs and services.

Every year, more than \$675 billion goes toward hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and more. Each person in our state represents nearly \$2,000 in federal funds* available to Arizona each year.

The results are critically important because census data help businesses, researchers and policymakers all make decisions. The data could show, for example, that your community needs more funding for school lunches or more services for single-parent families.

Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. That's why your response is required by law. If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect the information.

And just as you are required by law to complete the census, the Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers. Your responses are used only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.

By mid-March 2020, households will receive an invitation to participate in the census. You'll then have three options to respond: online, by phone or by mail. When completing the census, you'll note where you are living on April 1, 2020. Your count will help ensure our region and state receive its fair share of federal funding for critical community programs and services.

Visit 2020Census.gov to find more information, resources or job opportunities. Pima Association of Governments, the region's metropolitan planning organization, is conducting a 2020 Census regional awareness campaign. For details, visit www.PAGregion.com/census

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