



Lt. Governor Bysiewicz encourages remaining households to complete the 2020 U.S. Census September 3, 2020

Less than a month remains for households to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census.

Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz announced that [Connecticut's total enumeration rate](#) – the self-response rate plus those enumerated in nonresponse follow-up – is 91.2 percent, and encouraged the remaining nine percent of households to complete the decennial questionnaire.



“Over the past year-and-a-half, I have crisscrossed the state to encourage households to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census. Despite continued efforts to discourage communities of color – particularly our immigrant population – from responding to the Census, Connecticut is one of the best counted states in the country. With less than a month to respond to the decennial count and nine percent of Connecticut households still uncounted, we need to double down on efforts to make sure we achieve a complete count. This is about receiving critical federal funding for programs households rely on every day for basic needs: food, healthcare, childcare and so much more,” said Lt. Governor Bysiewicz.

Connecticut's [self-response rate](#) – 69.2 percent – exceeds the national response rate of 65 percent.

In August, the U.S. Census Bureau announced it would end all counting efforts for the 2020 U.S. Census on Sept. 30 – a month earlier than the previous Oct. 31 deadline. This includes critical door-knocking, collecting responses online, over the phone and by mail.

Beginning in early September, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin re-sending paper questionnaires by mail to households in low-responding areas that have yet to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census.

Commissioner Dorantes strongly urges all of our staff to respond for their own households and to make an effort to include this in their conversations with the families with whom we serve. Given that census numbers drive federal resources to states so it's critical every citizen is counted.

The work of our agency is very much connected to resource allocation. Our racial justice efforts are an example of the need to have an accurate baseline accounting of who makes up the citizenry of our state.

Responses from the 2020 U.S. Census helps to determine nearly \$11 billion in federal funding allocations to Connecticut including Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), community block grants, transportation and highway projects, energy assistance for seniors, and many other programs that families across the state rely on every day.

The Census counts every person living in the country – citizens, noncitizens and green-card holders. Connecticut stands to lose approximately \$2,900 for every person undercounted.

The 2020 Census is open for self-response online at 2020Census.gov, over the phone by calling the number provided in the mailed invitation, and by paper through the mail.

The U.S. Census Bureau is also providing the Internet Self-Response Instrument and Census Questionnaire Assistance in [12 non-English languages](#); enumerator instrument, bilingual paper questionnaire, bilingual mailing, and field enumeration materials in Spanish; and language guides, language glossaries, and language identification card in [59 non-English languages](#).

Residents who do not have their unique 12-digit number can still complete the Census online or by phone at 2020Census.gov.

