



### What is the 2020 Census?

- The 2020 Census is the Federal Decennial Census **conducted every 10 years.**
- **Every person living in the U.S.** at the time of Census is counted and assigned to their usual address (college students are counted at their dormitories, prisoners are counted where they are incarcerated).
- It is identified in the **U.S. Constitution** (First Amendment, Section 2).
- The first Decennial Census was conducted in **1790.**

### Why Is There A Decennial Census?

- 1) Establishes the number of **U.S. Congressional Representatives** in each state.
  - The 432 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are allocated to each state based on population reported in the Decennial Census.
  - Ohio currently has 16 seats. After losing 2 seats in 2010, **Ohio is projected to lose a seat in 2020.**
  - The last time Ohio gained a seat was in 1960, when Ohio had 26 seats.
- 2) Serves as the **baseline population** used in federal programs using population in their funding formulas **for the next 10 years.**
  - Examples: Community Development Block Grants, Federal Transportation Dollars
- 3) Is the primary source of **data for statistical analysis** of policies and programs.
  - It is the **only 100% count** of population.
  - Census Data are made available at detail **local geographies.**

### What Questions Are Asked?

- US Census Bureau must **maintain confidentiality** of responses by federal law.
- For **every person** in a household:
  - 1) Age
  - 2) Citizenship
  - 3) Hispanic Origin
  - 4) Race
  - 5) Relationship to Head of Household
  - 6) Sex
  - 7) Tenure (Owner/Renter)

### Who Will Participate?

- **Every household** must respond.
- Households will receive an **invitation in the mail** in early March and a follow up reminder in late March.
- Every household will have the option of **responding online, by mail, or by phone.**