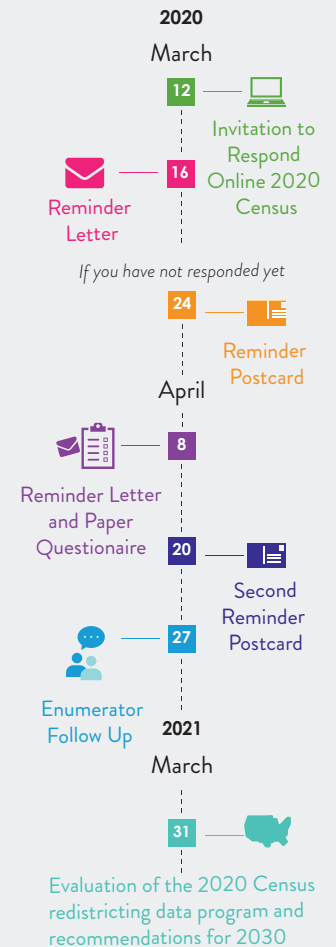


What You Need to Know About the 2020 Census in Fairfax City

The 2020 Census directly impacts how much federal funding the Commonwealth of Virginia will receive over the next decade. It is estimated that Virginia will receive \$17,776,199,831 from 55 federal programs for resources such as schools, hospitals, and infrastructure. Failure to obtain a complete and accurate Census count may lead to Virginia losing millions of federal dollars that would support programs that benefit Fairfax City residents. People of color, low-income populations, young children, immigrants, and undocumented residents are among the groups most likely to be undercounted. Ensuring services for Fairfax City residents in the future requires that we work together to obtain an accurate Census count.

The 2020 Census will include two phases: self-response and non-response follow-up. Self-response is the most accurate way to complete the count and ensure that Census field representatives do not visit Fairfax City households. However, many households are less likely to complete the self-response because of factors such as distrust of the government, complex home and living arrangements, and changes in technology. Boosting self-response numbers for the 2020 Census is the most effective way to help ensure over \$800 billion in federal funding (according to the George Washington University School of Public Policy) is fairly distributed across the entire U.S. population, allowing residents to thrive, live, learn, and grow.

2020 Census Timeline



The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States every ten years. This information is used by the federal government to allocate resources across the country. The Commonwealth of Virginia can receive close to \$17,776,199,831 in federal dollars to improve schools, transportation, parks, government assistance programs, emergency assistance, etc. Business also use this information to inform their decisions and bring more growth and commerce.

what?
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- Educate your staff/volunteers/community members about the Census so they can be a resource for clients/consumers and other community members – Visit cfnova.org/count-the-region for local resources.
- Learn more about and support outreach activities and events planned by the [Northern Virginia Complete Count Committee](#) (a link is available from the above website).
- Engage trusted messengers in activities such as phone banking, public service announcements, social media messaging, and door-to-door canvassing to ensure we get the word out and increase the 2020 Census response rate.
- Provide opportunities in March and April 2020 for trusted community helpers at accessible neighborhood sites to offer internet access and assistance completing the form.

The Census is only 10 or 11 questions. Completing the Census will ensure that Fairfax City is eligible for its fair share of federal funding over the next 10 years. Completing the Census will ensure that Fairfax City receives proper political representation and resources.

why?
should I complete
the Census

Data on Census Tracts and Risk of Undercount in Fairfax City

There are neighborhoods in Fairfax City facing significant challenges that demand we ensure an accurate Census in order to channel needed resources to residents. In 2010, 80.6 percent of the City's households returned their Census questionnaires, and 19.4 percent of households required in-person follow-up. The areas of greatest concern for Fairfax City include Ardmore near Judicial Drive (Census tract 3004), Lord Fairfax Estates (tract 3002) and Little Rivers, Old Lee Hills, and Fair View (tract 3003).

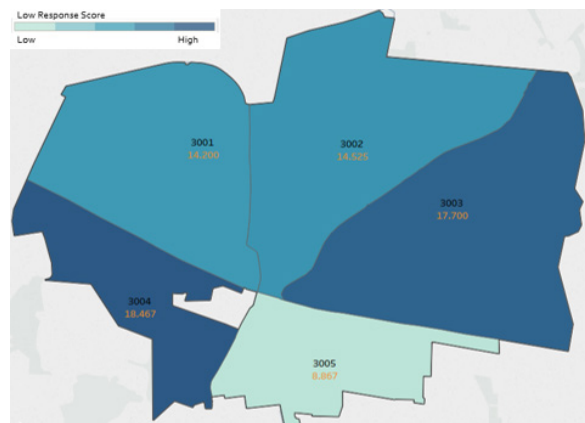
Systemic injustices have often resulted in communities

of color facing significant inequities. For instance, Black

and Hispanic residents continue to be victims of predatory

lenders, receiving costlier home loans and mortgages than their white counterparts. The wages of workers earning below the 10th and 20th percentiles in Fairfax have decreased since 1979, and this decrease has disproportionately impacted Black and Hispanic workers. At every education level, Black residents face higher unemployment rates than their white and Latino counterparts.

By obtaining an accurate count of people living in under-resourced communities, we can advocate that federal and state resources be allocated to address disparities. It is critical to identify trusted messengers in the community and conduct extensive outreach within key populations to ensure residents participate in the 2020 Census.



Black labels reference census tracts and orange labels reference the percentage that required in-person follow-up enumeration.
Data source: www.census.gov – Census tracts were obtained from the Planning Database that uses selected Census and 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates and the 2010 Census Mail Return Rate for each block group and tract. Last updated June 20, 2018.

Frequently Asked Questions



How can I get help completing the Census or accessing the internet?

Once residents receive an invitation to complete the 2020 Census in the mail or online, there will be a number to call for assistance to complete the form.

What about confidentiality?

All Census responses are protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Under this law, the Census Bureau is required to keep respondent information confidential. The Bureau is prohibited from sharing respondents' personal information with immigration enforcement agencies, like ICE, or law enforcement agencies, like the FBI or police. The law also prohibits the use of Census data to determine or deny eligibility for government benefits. The results from any Census or Census-related survey are reported in aggregate statistical format only.

What happens if I don't complete the 2020 Census?

You will receive several follow-up mailings asking you to complete the Census form. Not completing the Census means Census workers will visit your residence because you are required by law to participate. If you cannot be reached, a Census worker may contact your neighbors for information about your family size.

Will the Census be in my language?

In 2020, the paper form will be available in English and Spanish. People may respond to the Census online and by phone in 13 languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, and Tagalog). The Census Bureau will also have a language guide for 59 languages.