

Census Newsletter Article for Child Serving Organizations

Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States is asked to complete a simple but very important constitutional task: respond to the census. The 2020 Census is a questionnaire that asks a few basic questions, like the age and number of people who live or stay in your home, including young children and newborn babies. The census is underway now and responding is easy, safe, and important.

Newborn babies and young children under five are often missed in the census. The 2020 Census helps determine which areas qualify for the critical resources that children and families depend on for the next 10 years—basically, an entire childhood! Examples of resources that could be impacted include food assistance, Head Start, childcare, housing support, public schools, early intervention services for children with special needs, children's health insurance, and more. Knowing how many young children there are and where they live is essential to getting those services and programs to them. That's why it's so important that every infant, toddler and young child be counted, even newborn babies.

Amidst the current uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, you can find comfort in knowing **you don't have to leave your home to fill out the census**. The Census has officially launched and New Yorkers like you can complete the census online or on the phone from the **safety of your own home**. And this year it's easier than ever to fill out the census -- you can fill it out in less than 10 minutes online

If you have already filled out the census— congratulations and thank you! If you have not filled out the form or need additional help, at my2020census.gov or over the phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).