

CENSUS 2020:

Make Health Centers Count

More than \$800 billion in fiscal year 2016 in federal funding was distributed on the basis of Census-guided data, including \$361.2 billion in Medicaid funding. Community clinics and health centers serve millions of patients nationwide which amounts to billions of dollars in needed funding over the next 10 years.

What is the census?

The U.S. Constitution requires the federal government count everyone living in the country every 10 years. The count must include people of all ages, racial and ethnic groups, and citizens and non-citizens. Every household should complete a census form because participating in the census is our right and responsibility.

What's at stake if we don't respond?

Key federal programs rely on data and allocations attained from the census, including:

Medicaid

- · Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Section 8 Housing Vouchers
- · Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

These are vital programs, critical to supporting the health and well-being of our communities.

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond?

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. For the first time, the census questionnaire can be completed online, over the phone, or on a paper form. Online and phone assistance will be available in 13 languages.

When can we fill out the census?

Every household will receive an initial invitation to respond to the 2020 Census the week of March 12, 2020. If a household does not respond after the initial letter, they will receive additional invitations in the mail.

What can we expect in the mail?

ON OR BETWEEN	YOU WILL RECEIVE
March 12 - 20	An Invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census (some households will also receive paper questionnaires)
March 15 - 24	A reminder letter

ON OR BETWEEN	IF YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED YET:
March 26 - April 3	A reminder postcard
April 8 - 16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire
April 20 - 27	A final reminder postcard before the Census Bureau will follow up in person to households that did not respond







