

Who Counts? Everyone!

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BEFORE YOU READ: Make a list of everyone who lives with you. Write down their names and their relationship to you.

It is very important that we count everyone. But some people are not counted. People of color, immigrants, and people who are learning English are undercounted. Children are the most undercounted group. In 2010, the census did not count more than a million children under age five.

When people are filling out the census, they wonder: do children count? Yes, they do! Count *all* the children who live with you. They could be your own children or your grandchildren or your friend's children. Count them all. If your baby is just one day old, count that baby!


Your community needs schools, health care, and housing. The census wants to get a big picture of who lives in the U.S. so they can plan for the next 10 years. The next census isn't until 2030. Make sure to count everyone who lives with you!

AFTER YOU READ: Study the images on the right. Then check all the people in the list below that *you* should count when you fill out the census for your household.

- ☐ someone who is *away* at college
- ☐ all children (if they are living with you on April 1, 2020)
- ☐ babies born *on or before* April 1, 2020
- ☐ someone who is away in the military
- ☐ non-family members who live with you *most of the time*
- ☐ foreign-born people who live with you
- ☐ a child who splits time with you and another parent and is staying with *the other* parent on April 1, 2020

↓ Download a free lesson packet for ESOL students on filling out the census at changeagent.nelrc.org/in-the-classroom/lesson-packets

Count...



...everyone who lives with you.

Illustration by Jonan Everett

Do not count people living in...*



college



prison



a nursing home



someone else's home on April 1



the military

* All these people will still be counted, just not by you.