

FILLING OUT THE CENSUS IS SAFE!



YOUR IDENTITY IS PROTECTED

The census does not identify individuals in the data it publishes. It only publishes statistics. A disclosure review board verifies that any data to be released meets confidentiality standards.

BY LAW, YOUR INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

Your individual information will not be shared and cannot be used by any government agency or court. Anyone who violates this law (in Title 13 of the U.S. Code) faces severe penalties.



YOUR DATA IS SECURE

Census IT systems are designed to defend against and contain cyberthreats. Your data is protected following industry best practices and federal requirements from the start of the data collection process through the final storage of information. Data encryption and two forms of authentication are used to secure system access.

KNOW HOW TO AVOID SCAMS AND FRAUD

The 2020 Census will not ask for:

- Money or donations.
- Your Social Security, bank or credit card number.



If someone visits your home to collect a 2020 Census response:

You can verify identity:

- Check for a valid ID badge (*with photo, U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, expiration date*).
- Call 800-923-8282 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

If the person does not work for the Census Bureau, report the fraud to the Census number above and call law enforcement through 911.



Fair representation and equitable services are based on an accurate population count.

Every person counted in our community brings in more than \$1,800 annually in state and federal funding.

www.2020census.gov
www.hillsboroughnc.gov/community/census

Look for your census invitation in the mail in mid-March.