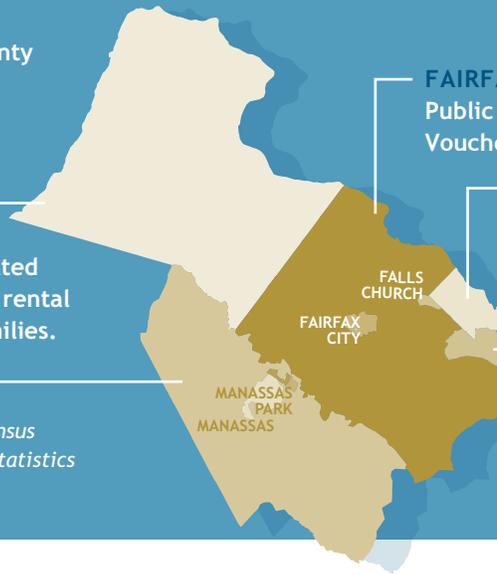


Why Northern Virginia Cares About the 2020 Decennial Census



LOUDOUN: *15,594 Loudoun County students received meals from the National School Nutrition Program based on Census Data.

PRINCE WILLIAM: *Funding allocated by the Decennial Census provided rental assistance to more than 2,000 families.

FAIRFAX: *Federal funds helped convert 1,060 Public Housing units to federal Housing Choice Voucher subsidies.

ARLINGTON: *Public Schools received \$4.5 million for the National School Lunch Program which provided free and reduced lunches to over 8,000 students.

ALEXANDRIA: *93 new affordable apartments in the St. James Plaza in the Beaugard neighborhood received federal funds.

* Federal Funding based on the Decennial Census impacts programs like those below. These statistics reflect fiscal year 2018 data.



What is the Census?

The United States Census is a national survey to count every person only once and living in the right place in the U.S. regardless of citizenship or immigration status. It is mandated by the Constitution and takes place every 10 years.



Why should I care?

For every Virginian not counted, the region loses \$1,200 per year for 10 years, or \$12,000 total in federal funds for programs like education, hospitals, roads, and other public works projects. Census data also determines how many delegates the state has in Congress to advocate for us.



Is the U.S. Census data confidential?

Under current federal law (Title 13), the bureau cannot share census responses identifying individuals with the public or other federal agencies, including immigration authorities and other law enforcement.



What information does the U.S. Census collect?

The specific data collected include age, sex, marital status, size of household, workforce participation, workplace and education, place of birth, former place of residence. The Census on average takes 10 minutes to complete.



When and how do I take it?

Census Day will be on April 1, 2020. When completing the census, you'll note where you are living on this date. Prior to April 1, each household will receive an invitation to participate in the census. You'll have three options to respond: online, by phone or by mail.



Can I respond to the Census in a language other than English?

While paper forms will only be available in English and Spanish, you can respond online in 12 languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Tagalog and Vietnamese and by phone in 59 languages. There will also be a version available in Braille, and a video in American Sign Language.



BECOME A PARTNER

Join us to advocate for and communicate about the importance of completing the census on April 1, 2020.

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 #CountTheRegion #VACompleteCount

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