

# **VETERANS FACT SHEET**

### CALIFORNIA COMPLETE COUNT - CENSUS 2020 OFFICE



## What You Need to Know About the Census

Every 10 years, people in California and across the country fill out the Census in order to have an accurate count of every person living in the United States. The Census influences California's federal funding for important community services that support our families and determines congressional representation for the next decade.

# Why is the 2020 Census Important for Veterans in Rural America?

The 2020 Census is the one chance to get really great information that can help families and communities in rural America.

For veterans and their families living in areas that are more rural than urban, Census data is the primary source used to make critical decisions like how to build schools and what services need to be offered such as childcare and social assistance programs.

Data from the 2020 Census will be used to determine funding for many federal programs aimed at families and communities in rural areas - programs like Rural Education, Department of Justice's Rural Domestic Violence Assistance, Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities, Rural Business Development Grants, and Rural Housing Preservation Grants.

An accurate count is especially crucial for veterans in rural communities, those with disabilities, and those at risk of homelessness.

Data from the 2020 Census will help the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs plan programs and assess emerging needs for veterans.

Take the 2020 Census https://my2020census.gov | (844) 330-2020







## Census is Fast, Easy & Secure!

For the first time in history, the Census can be completed in three ways. By law (Title 13, U.S. Code), the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone or allow it to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.



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Mail Limited households will receive the paper form.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The 2020 Census data will inform the health and wellness of our families and neighborhoods. By filling out the form, your data informs where new hospitals are built and the improvements to our health programs.

Census data is used by businesses to decide where to invest and create jobs. Filling out the Census makes sure that we and our loved ones, neighbors, and communities get a fair shot at these business resources.

Our children and grandchildren's future depend on getting an accurate Census count. When they are counted, their schools get their fair share of funding and resources.

Participating in the Census fulfills your civic duty and helps our families and communities in California for the next 10 years.

No matter when or where you served, your response to the Census 2020 counts towards important benefits for our loved ones, neighbors, and communities across California! Everyone counts. Take the Census.