



# 2020 Census

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## WHAT TO KNOW

- ✓ The Census is a required, once-in-a-decade count of every person living in the United States - and it must be fair and accurate.
- ✓ Government relies on Census data to guide planning around public education, public assistance, housing, health care, business development, and infrastructure.

*And: Rhode Island receives **over \$3 BILLION** in federal funding every year based on Census estimates. **This is equal to 1/3 of the state's annual budget.***

- ✓ Past Censuses have **undercounted communities** of color, people living in poverty, young children, and people living in rural communities decreasing access to federal funding and accurate Congressional representation.

**24%** *of Rhode Islanders are "Hard-to-Count"*

Rhode Island has **61** *hard-to-count Census Tracts*

*Census data will impact R.I.'s* **\$3 Billion** *in federal funds*

Undercounted Populations	Representation of R.I. Population	
Hispanic or Latino	15%	157,342 people
Black or African American	8%	84,491
Asian	4%	42,246
Am. Indian or Alaska Native	1%	10,561
Children under 5	5%	52,807
Foreign-Born Individuals	14%	144,210
Limited English Households	6%	22,702



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- ✓ Census data serve as baseline for the number of state legislative seats and districts. An undercount will leave portions of the state underrepresented.

*And: If an undercount occurs, key populations of Rhode Islanders will not receive appropriate political representation.*

- ✓ At the federal level, Census planning and outreach is underfunded and this is the first year that the Census Bureau is asking households to respond online.

*And: Providence County was the site of the only trial run for the 2020 Census but it too **was inadequately funded and resourced** which resulted in **barely more than a 50% participation rate**.*

### WHAT TO DO

- ✓ **Encourage** friends, family, and constituents to **spread the word** about Census 2020 - and encourage them to be counted.
- ✓ **Follow** along and **support** the work of the Rhode Island Complete Count Committee, find more information at [www.census.ri.gov](http://www.census.ri.gov).
- ✓ **Support state funding** allocations for outreach and communications efforts around the 2020 Census - so that more Rhode Islanders know that everyone counts, so everyone must be counted.