2020 United States Census

Washington State Self-Response Rate

National Self-Response: 59.0%
Washington Self-Response: 64.3%

Data current as of May 13th at noon; from 2020census.gov

Congressional District 7: UW-zip code Self-Response Rate

Congressional District 7, Washington Self-Response: 69.6%
Tract 1.01 Self-Response: 59.1%

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Every 10 years, the U.S. counts every person living in the country through a national census. The results inform how funding is distributed for things like our schools, affordable housing, hospitals, and public transportation for the next decade. The count also determines how many representatives we’ll have in Congress. When we all complete the 2020 Census, we show our community’s strength. This is our moment to join together—as a neighborhood, a city, a county, a state, and a country—and make sure each and every one of us counts. We can help each other. We can make things happen. We are the present and the future. Together, we can show our nation: We’re Here. We Count

**What is the Census:**
Every 10 years, we count everyone in the country. Everyone means everyone, because we are all here and we all count: all residents of every ethnicity, regardless of immigration status, including kids, seniors, military members, and people experiencing homelessness.

**Why the Census Matters:**
Counting people through the census is how funding is distributed where it’s needed for the next ten years—for things like our schools, affordable housing, hospitals, and public transportation. The count also determines how many representatives we’ll have in Congress.

**Census Process:**
The 2020 Census will ask nine questions about things like how many people live in your household and their ages. This is the first census where people can respond online, over the phone, or by mail. It will not include a question about citizenship or immigration status.

**Washington and the Census**
Federal, state, and local governments use census data to determine how tax dollars and other resources are allocated. Washington state receives approximately $16 billion each year in federal funds for a variety of human service, community development, and health programs. Each household that is missed in the census count is equal to losing approximately $4,800 in federal funds for Washington state. The Washington State Legislature allocates approximately $200 million in state funds for programs based off of census data.

**Students and the Census**
COVID 19 has disrupted the census operations on campus. You and your household should fill out the census based on your living situation and location as if COVID has NOT impacted your current location. If you’re a college student, when you complete the census online, make sure you are not counted where you currently are, but where you would have been living while in school.

Information and Language from 2020census.gov: [Stakeholder Toolkit](https://www.2020census.gov) and [College Toolkit](https://www.2020census.gov)