

NOW IS THE TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORM

The Census is just 9 quick questions for everyone in your house. **Don't forget to add your children – your local school district and child care providers depend on this data when making decisions about the future!**

Lost your sign in code that was mailed to you? No problem, you can still complete the Census by visiting <https://my2020census.gov/>

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Census was completed in 1790. The Constitutional basis for conducting the decennial census is to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives. **Illinois lost 1 congressional seat in 2010 and is at risk of losing another due to declining population per Census data.**

Census data is used when deciding where 675 BILLION dollars in federal funding is allocated. In Boone County, approximately \$1,535 in funding is received per person per year. Based on the non responsive rate during the 2010 Census, it is **estimated that Boone County has lost \$141,343,568 in funding over the last decade.**

Wondering what programs are funded? Programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, Headstart, WIC, Health Care Centers, Unemployment Insurance Administration and Special Programs for the Aging are just a few. Please visit <https://gwipp.gwu.edu/counting-dollars-2020-role-decennial-census-geographic-distribution-federal-funds> for a more comprehensive list. **These programs are vital to our community, more so now than ever!**

Are you a history buff? Census records are often used for genealogical research but you have to wait. **The U.S. government will not release personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it was collected for the decennial census.** This "72-Year Rule" (92 Stat. 915; [Public Law 95-416](#); October 5, 1978) restricts access to decennial census records to all but the individual named on the record or their legal heir.

