**Key Points: Why should I complete my Census form?**

* The Census happens only once every 10 years and it’s important that every Hoosier household complete the Census form on April 1, 2020.
* Everyone counts. Federal funding for programs benefiting Hoosiers and their communities is based on Census results.
* All Census responses are private and are not shared with anyone – including other government agencies.

**How does the Census benefit me and my neighbors?**

* Census data is used to apportion congressional seats.
* Census data is used to draw districts for the Indiana General Assembly.
* Census data drives funding for and delivery of many federal programs, up to $1,200 per person.
* Medicaid, WIC food grants, social services
* Schools
* Transportation funding
* Programs for seniors
* Emergency supplies

**What is the Census process?**

* The U.S. Constitution requires a count of all people living in the United States every 10 years. The United States Census Bureau is charged with counting the population.
* The Census count does not differentiate between citizens and non-citizens; ALL people living in the U.S. are counted.
* The Census Bureau uses address lists (updated this year) to send a Census form to each residence in the country.
* Residences include homes, apartments, residential facilities, dorms, shelters, and non-traditional housing structures.

April 1, 2020 is Census Day.

* Forms will arrive in the U.S. mail in mid- to late-March 2020.
* Census forms are available in multiple languages.
* Census responses should reflect all people living in a residence as of April 1, 2020.
* Responses should also reflect those people who live in the residence most of the year.

**Are Census responses confidential?**

* Data you provide to the U.S. Census Bureau through the 2020 Census Form is private.
* Data is not shared with federal, state, or local government agencies.
* Data is not shared with law enforcement.
* Names and addresses collected as a part of the Census are used to verify that each resident is counted only once. *Names and addresses* *are not provided to law enforcement*.

**How does the Census impact local governments?**

* The 10-year Census count is the underpinning of many critical factors that are important to local government, from per capita income to setting community goals.
* Census data provides insights on population, race, and housing changes.
* Local governments use Census data for:
	+ Identifying the official size of their population.
	+ Evaluating transportation needs.
	+ Assessing the housing supply and future needs.
	+ Selecting the most appropriate locations for government services and offices.

**How can local governments help spread the word?**

Begin planning and organizing now so that your government agencies, boards, and commissions are ready to help promote the Census in February and March 2020.

*Employee Communication*

* Use the speaking points on the front of this flyer to create:
	+ An article about the Census for publication in employee communications and on your organization’s intranet sites.
	+ Posters or flyers highlighting the Census to hang on employee and public bulletin boards.

*Constituent Outreach*

* Organize a Complete Count Committee.
* Add a link from your website to [www.census.indiana.edu](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Crogersc%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CWH500RDX%5Cwww.census.indiana.edu).
* Include Census information in government mailers and on your government website.
* Request that your organization be listed as a Census partner on the [www.census.indiana.edu](http://www.census.indiana.edu) website.
* Present information about the Census at public meetings and hearings.
* Encourage Census participation at local association events and philanthropic meetings (including Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, etc.)
* Serve as a spokesperson for the Census in your community.
* Sponsor Census events in your community.
* In March 2020: Use exterior signage to encourage everyone to complete the Census form.
* On April 1, 2020: Use exterior signage to announce National Census Day.