

# **Harding County Residents**

## **The 2020 Census is important to EVERYONE in Harding County!**

### **What is the 2020 Census?**

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 States, District of Columbia, and Five U.S. Territories. (Babies to Seniors)

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the United States Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire -- online, by phone, or by mail. This will mark the first time you will be able to respond to the census online.

### **Why we conduct this Count**

The Census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. **Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding goes to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.**

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the United States House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country Conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will Mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

## Counting Everyone

Participating in the Census is required by law, even if you recently completed Another survey from the Census Bureau. A Complete and accurate count is Critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

### Ways to Respond

Once you receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census, there are three ways to respond: online, by phone, or by mail.

### Questions Asked

Responding to the 2020 Census is easy. Learn more about the questions that are asked and how your answers will be used.

### How You Can Help

Everyone can play a part in ensuring a complete and accurate count in 2020.

**Every person matters.**

## Set the Record Straight

An accurate count is critical for all communities across the country. Don't let mis-information keep your friends and family from responding. If you are wondering if information you heard is true, please contact:

**[rumors@census.gov](mailto:rumors@census.gov)**

Local Contact Information

**[www.hardingcounty.gov](http://www.hardingcounty.gov)**

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