



## **2020 US Census Frequently Asked Questions**

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

The Census is a count done every 10 years of every person who lives in the United States. The information collected is used to determine funding for states and to determine the number of seats Ohio has in the US House of Representatives.

### **Why is this important to Akron Children's Hospital?**

The data from the Census is used to determine where \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities, including over \$21 billion dollars to Ohio for programs like Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, housing assistance, school lunch programs, and health insurance programs. The Akron Children's Hospital family (patient families and employees) count on these programs.

### **Who should be counted?**

Everyone! You should count every individual living in the home regardless of age. Even the newborn that was just born on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **What if I am not a US Citizen?**

Every individual living in the United States as of April 1<sup>st</sup> should complete the Census. There are no questions relating to citizenship on the questionnaire. The information completed is 100% confidential and cannot be used against you in any way. Information will not be turned over to any other government or federal agency.

### **What if a family's primary language is not English, are hearing impaired, or are vision impaired... do they still complete the Census?**

Yes. There is assistance available. The Census will be available in 12 languages if done online or over the phone and there is video accessibility for American Sign Language. There are also print resources available in 59 languages, large print and Braille.

### **Can we help families complete the Census?**

No. We can only answer questions relating to the census itself, not assist with the actual completion.

### **How do families respond to the Census?**

By completing the questionnaire and mailing back, by telephone, or online.

### **Is there a deadline to complete?**

US Census workers will begin to go to households that have not yet responded to the Census by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **What happens if we do not complete the Census?**

By ensuring that we have an accurate and complete count, we are securing funds that our State needs to continue to provide assistance to our families, coworkers, schools, child care centers, roads, and yes health care!

**For every person that goes uncounted in Ohio is like giving up \$2,880 per person for Health, Human Services and Education funding.**



## WHAT DOES THE CENSUS DECIDE?



- The number of representatives that Ohio can send to the US House of Representatives
- The amount of federal funding that the state and local governments receive from the federal government
- Level of need for community services



## HOW IS OHIO'S FEDERAL ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON THE CENSUS?

The Census influences how over \$21 billion of federal funding is distributed in Ohio.

The 16 largest programs impacted by the census are:

- **\$11 Billion** Medicaid
- **\$2.5 B** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- **\$2 B** Medicare Part B
- **\$1.4 B** Highway Planning and Construction
- **\$565 M** Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies
- **\$557 M** Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- **\$459 M** Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program (Project-based)
- **\$431 M** Special Education Grants (IDEA)
- **\$350 M** National School Lunch Program
- **\$342 M** State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
- **\$323 M** Head Start and Early Head Start
- **\$204 M** Foster Care (Title IV-E)
- **\$164 M** Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- **\$148 M** Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- **\$130 M** Child Care and Development Fund
- **\$122 M** Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)