What is the Census?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States.

Why is the Census important?

• Every year, the federal government allocates more than $675 Billion in funding based on census data.
• Every Marylander not counted costs the state approximately $18,250 over 10 years.
• Census data is used to plan schools, new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.

Who needs to respond to the Census and is my information secure?

The census counts every household and person living in the U.S., this includes both citizens and non-citizens.

The U.S. Census Bureau must keep all information confidential.

• All census information is private and protected by law in Title 13 of the U.S. Code.
• Data is collected for statistical purposes only and personal data is never disclosed.

How can I get help completing the census or getting it in my language?

In March, residents will receive an invitation to complete the 2020 Census in the mail. On the invitation there will be a number to call for assistance to complete the form or to request language guides and language glossaries in 59 non-English languages.

Choose the way that you will be counted – Online, by phone or by mail.

When will the Census happen?

April 1, 2020: Census Day is observed nationwide. Everyone is invited to participate by completing the census on this day!

For more info visit:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/census or www.2020census.gov

Get involved:

• Become a Census taker! Apply Online!
  www.2020census.gov/jobs
• Sign up to become a 2020 Census ambassador or volunteer by visiting www.montgomerycountymd.gov/census.
• Host a Census Party! Invite over 10 of your friends or neighbors and encourage them to complete the Census online on April 1, 2020.