

Minnesota Snowbirds: What you need to know about the 2020 Census

We know you will be flying south soon so the Moorhead 2020 Census Committee wanted to remind you to complete your April 1, 2020 Census for the place you "live and sleep most of the time." We hope that is Moorhead and that we can count you in for the Minnesota Census!

In March, snowbirds will receive Census postcards in the US Mail at both of your winter & summer addresses. Please only fill out your Census for Minnesota.

The Post Office will not forward these postcards.

If you did not receive a postcard in Minnesota, please request one from:

U.S. Census Bureau Call Center
800-923-8282



CENSUS 2020 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

Every 10 years, the United States conducts a “census”, or a count, of the entire population.

WHO GETS COUNTED?

The census counts everyone who lives in the United States, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status. If you live here, you get counted.

WHY DO WE HAVE A CENSUS?

The data collected from the census are used to ensure equal political representation and fair allocation of government resources. Census data determine the number of congressional seats each state receives; the distribution of over \$700 billion in federal government resources; and the funding and placement of public services and infrastructure.

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE CENSUS?

You can complete the census online, by telephone, or by mail. This is the first year the census will be available online. You can fill out your survey using any Internet-enabled device (cellphone, computer, tablet, etc.).

WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE CENSUS?

It is important to participate in the Census because this is a way to make your voice matter! By filling out the Census, you are letting the U.S. government know how many people are living in your city. The government uses this figure to determine how much federal money to give each state and how many representatives can go to Congress. **Based on 2010 data, each person in Minnesota is worth about \$28,000 in Federal funding for Minnesota for the 10 year period.**

WHAT QUESTIONS AM I GOING TO BE ASKED?

The census survey will ask the name, sex, age, date of birth, race/ethnicity, and relationship of everyone in your household. It will also ask if you rent or own your home. For more information on what you will be asked on the census, see <https://2020census.gov>.

WILL THE CENSUS ASK FOR MY CITIZENSHIP STATUS?

No, the 2020 census will not ask a question about citizenship. The federal government has now been permanently prevented from asking the citizenship question as part of the 2020 census in any form.

WHO SHOULD I COUNT IN MY CENSUS RESPONSE?

You should count anyone who is living and sleeping in your home most of the time. This includes both related family members and unrelated people, such as foster children, friends, tenants or live-in employees. For more information, see the <https://2020census.gov>.

IS THE CENSUS CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Responses to the census are confidential. Census information is used for statistical purposes only.

DO I NEED A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS?

No. The census will never ask for a social security number.