

# United States<sup>®</sup> Census 2020

## Spartanburg County 2020 Complete Count Committee

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Blue Ridge Rural Water  
Company  
Cities of Chesnee, Greer,  
Landrum, Wellford,  
and Woodruff  
City of Spartanburg  
First Steps of Spartanburg  
Fifty Upstate  
Habitat for Humanity  
of Spartanburg  
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg  
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District  
League of Women Voters  
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Water District  
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Center  
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Libraries  
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TOTAL Ministries  
Towns of Campobello,  
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Pacolet, and Reidville  
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# YOU COUNT

## The 2020 Census: Confidentiality

*Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.*

**Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.** Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

**Your census responses are safe and secure.** The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

**By law, your responses cannot be used against you.** By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, CIA, DHS, and not by ICE. The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.

**There are no exceptions.** Laws protecting personal census information have withstood challenges. No court of law can subpoena census responses.

(From <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/factsheets/2019/comm/2020-confidentiality-factsheet.pdf> .  
Accessed June 17, 2019)

### Who?

Everyone in the United States

### When?

Mid-March to Mid-June, 2020

### Where?

Where You Are on April 1, 2020

### How?

By Paper, Phone, or Internet

Call 864-596-3505 for more information.

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## The 2020 Census: A Refresher

**Everyone counts.** The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. It's in the constitution. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

**It's about fair representation.** Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

**It's about \$675 billion.** The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

**It's about redistricting.** After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

**Taking part is your civic duty.** Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

**Census data are being used all around you.** Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness. Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

**Your privacy is protected.** It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

**2020 will be easier than ever.** In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

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