You Count!

2020 Census Activity Packet

EXPLORE WHY OUR NATION HAS A CENSUS AND UNDERSTAND THEIMPACT COUNTING HAS THROUGH FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!

Steps:
1. Learn All About the U.S. Census
2. The Population of Your State
3. Take the Pledge to Complete the 2020 Census!
4. Spread the Word!

Once you complete these activities, visit the GSK Online Shop Order Form by clicking here to purchase a commemorative 2020 Census patch for $1.00 each!
Every ten years, the United States Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency, sets out to count every person living in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories. The 2020 Census is currently taking place and the counting has already begun!

An accurate census count is incredibly important. The United States government relies on census data to determine community funding for things like roads, parks, and schools – and so much more!

Girl Scouts and the Census

Girl Scouts, their families, and volunteers can help spread the word about this year’s census. Not only will you be doing your part to ensure an accurate census count, you’ll also be practicing civic engagement.

Girl Scouts aims to inspire girls to be leaders by building the courage, confidence, and character to raise their voices and be advocates for the issues and ideas important to them. When people participate in the census count, they’re letting the government know that we are here, and we have a voice. If people choose not to complete the 2020 census, entire communities could miss out on important resources like funding for schools. It’s up to all of us to make sure we are all counted!

Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting the U.S. Census Bureau by clicking here.

Step 1: Learn All About the U.S. Census

The 2020 Census is easy. You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020. Explore the questions you’ll be asked on your 2020 Census form. You’ll find tips for responding and information on how the Census Bureau will use your answers.

Explore the questions by clicking here.

Step 2: The Population of Your State

How does the population of your state compare with the population of another state? Look at the population of the state where you live, then compare those population data to population data for a state near yours.

All of the data are from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census Bureau collects and organizes many different types of information, including population data, for the whole nation. The Census Bureau reports these data for states, counties, and other areas. Then different parts of the government, businesses, and school districts use these data to make decisions that affect the lives of everyone living in the United States — including you!

Visit the State Facts for Students page by clicking here. Then, answer the questions on the next page.
My State’s Facts

1. I live in the state of ______________________. In 2018, the population of my state was
   ______________________.

2. How old are you?

3. Are you a girl or a boy?

4. Complete the table below using the number you found in question 1 (the population of your state in 2018):

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<th>Data Information</th>
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<td>Population of my state in 2018</td>
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<td>Population of the kids in my state who were my age in 2018</td>
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<td>Population of the kids in my state who are my same gender and were my age in 2018</td>
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5. Let’s look at population data for a state that is next to your state. Now fill in the blanks in the paragraph below.

   A state that is near mine is ______________________. In 2018, my state had a
   population of ______________________ people. In 2018, the state of ________________
   had a population of ______________________ people, which is
   ______________________ (greater than/less than) the population of my state.

   **Now, look at a state that is located in a different part of the country and compare its facts and data to your state!**
Step 3: Take the Pledge to Complete the 2020 Census!

Take the lead and sign a family pledge to complete the 2020 Census! Then, work together to complete the 2020 Census accurately.

We pledge to participate in the 2020 Census and ensure an accurate count by filling out the census form by mail, phone, or online. We understand that completing is important to make sure the government can provide money to each community for things like roads and parks.

Family Name: ____________________

Date: __________________________

Census numbers help the government determine the right amount of funding for projects in our neighborhood. If we don’t get counted, our neighborhood could be missing out! The census is also a crucial part of democracy, ensuring fair representation in Congress. Every ten years, the results of the census are used to determine how many seats each state gets in the House of Representatives. Businesses also use census numbers to decide where to locate shopping centers, movie theaters, banks, offices or factories — leading to new jobs and economic growth in our community.
Step 4: Spread the Word!
Spread the word about the 2020 Census with your friends and neighbors. Share what you learned on the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Facebook Page:

- Create signs to encourage your fellow Girl Scout families to complete the census
- Film a short public service announcement
- Share a photo of your family pledge

Want to do more? Complete one activity from the list below or create your own Census activity!

- **My Dream Home** (Recommended for Daisies through Juniors)
- **Toy Makers** (Recommended for Juniors and Cadettes)
- **Apportionment Map** (Recommended for Cadettes and Up)
- **Earnings by Occupation** (Recommended for Cadettes and Up)

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**Ready to Complete the 2020 Census?**
Fill it out by clicking on this link: [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or by phone at 844-330-2020.