

WEST WALKER WIRE

MARCH 2020

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Six Corners Chicken & Beer Dance March 27

On Friday, March 27, from 7 to 10 pm, Six Corners Association will transform Filament Theater into a honky tonk hub of fried chicken, craft beer, and dancing in an effort to raise money for the organization's economic development efforts in Chicago's Portage Park community. The event will feature live music, country-style cuisine from local restaurants, and a special beer-tasting from our craft breweries.

Admission is \$30/person and includes food, pop and water. Admission + Beer Tasting is \$50/person and includes food, pop, and water. Must be 21+ to participate in beer tasting. **No tickets will be sold at the door!** Six Corners Association members receive 10% off tickets. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/so8hal2> to purchase your tickets online. The Filament Theater is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wed., March 18 • 7:00 pm

Beats 1722/1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Sat., April 4 • 11:30 am

GIPNA Easter Egg Hunt
Independence Park
3945 N. Springfield
Must Register: www.sowchicago.org

Sun., April 26 • 2:00 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents
World Beat Percussion Trio
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding
Free admission, reception follows concert
www.carlsoncommunityservices.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Sat., May 16

WWCA Neighborhood Garage Sale

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You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

VOTE!

Tuesday, March 17 in local, State & Federal Contests.

BE COUNTED

Wednesday, April 1st is CENSUS DAY Online. See more information in the back four pages of this newsletter.

Remember: *There is No Citizenship Question.*

SAVE THE DATE!

The 35th Annual WWCA Neighborhood Garage Sale will be on **Saturday, May 16th**. Look for our application on the back page of the April issue of the Wire!

Volunteer with North River Commission: Earth Day, Arbor Day, and River Day

NRC is actively planning to support Earth Day (Wednesday April 22nd), Arbor Day (Friday, April 24th), and River Day (Saturday, May 9th), organized by Friends of the Chicago River, with volunteer events in our community. If you are interested in joining NRC as a volunteer on any or all of those days, please visit www.northrivercommission.org and click on "Environment" under the Programs tab of the main menu. Or call the NRC at 773-478-0202.

40 and Over Basketball Expands!

Starting March 3rd, a Tuesday night basketball group was added due to increasing interest! Tuesday basketball is now ongoing from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Sunday basketball is still ongoing from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. At the door, please pay \$5.00 to play on either or both evenings. These donations go towards maintaining the gym and its expenses to keep the lights on. Please contact Steve Omans at steveomans@gmail.com to be put on the email list or if you have any questions.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

Celebrating over 100 years of service to the West Walker Community

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All story ideas, text, and ads are due a week before the first of the month.

Submit ideas and text to:
west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.

Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content. For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com.



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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

A Table For All! Lent 2020 at IPLC - Come for any part of the evening: food, fellowship, worship. During the five Wednesdays in Lent: March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, supper in Victory Hall, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Lenten Song & Prayer Worship follows at 7:30-8:00 pm.

Our Community: Purchase, prepare, and/or serve meals to people in need. There are four opportunities to volunteer: March 7, 14, 29, April 4, as well as Saturday mornings & Sunday afternoons. To sign up, call 773-267-1666.

Sunday Lenten Adult Bible Study: The Sins of Racism and the Blindness of White Privilege, 9:15-10:15 am. Through March 8, we'll continue book club style discussion of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. Reading the book is not mandatory. On March 15 the new bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, the Rev. Bishop Yehiel Curry, who is African American, will be our guest speaker and preacher. As the newly elected bishop of the Chicago synod, Bishop Curry has challenged ELCA churches to have discussion about race.

The next three Sundays will be round table discussions: **March 22:** Unpacking White Privilege - video and small group discussion. **March 29:** Raising Racially Conscious Children - video and small group discussion. **April 5:** Using White Privilege to Do Good - video and small group discussion.

News From St. Edward School

Congratulations to several of our sports teams! The 7th grade boys basketball team completed their season as the 7th grade NWCC 2020 League and Playoff Champs! The 8th grade boys basketball team ended the season and their St. Edward basketball careers as winners of the NWCC 2020 Consolation bracket. The 6th grade girls volleyball team went undefeated in the IC tournament winning 11 starting games, and finished in second place. Overall tourney record of 11-2! Go BIG RED!

Our upcoming community event gives you a night off from cooking and benefits St. Ed's! **Thursday, March 26th, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Eris Brewery at 4240 W. Irving Park Rd.** No flyer is needed but you must mention St. Ed's. Thank you for your support!

Join us for Welcome Wednesday, April 1, with registration at 8:30 am in the main building at 4343 W. Sunnyside. Meet our principal, teachers and students! Sign-up at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Your Neighborhood Realtor!

Thinking of Appealing Your Property Taxes?

Last year homes in our neighborhood, in Jefferson Township, were reassessed (in 2018 for taxes payable in 2019). Even though this isn't an assessment year, you can still appeal your taxes and here are the steps.

- 1. Appeal to the Cook County Assessor** – during the 30 days when Jefferson Township is open to appeals. 2020 dates are not published yet but are likely similar to 2019 dates – 8.8.19 until 9.6.19. Go to cookcountyassessor.com to find forms and check appeal dates.
- 2. Appeal to the Cook County Board of Review (CCBR)** – which is independent of the Assessor. Even if you received a reduction from the Assessor, you can still file here – appeals.cookcountyboardofreview.com for info. 2020 dates to file are TBD. 2019 dates were 12.2.19 until 12.31.19.
- 3. Appeal to Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB)** – if you appealed to CCBR above #2, you can further appeal to PTAB with 30 days of CCBR's decision. For more info go to www.ptabillinois.gov.

There are specific rules and deadlines so you may want to verify dates and contact an attorney. Feel free to call or email for attorney recommendations.

If you are thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to get the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723

February 19, 2020

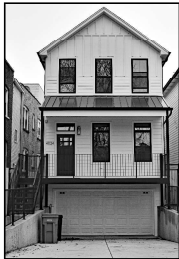
In attendance: 17th District Commander Ronald Pontecore, Jr, CAPS Officer Jerry Zander, Lt. Michelene Alexa, Beat Officers, Alderman Ramirez Rosa (35th Ward), Alderman Samantha Nugent (39th Ward), and approximately 40 residents. Commander Pontecore noted that there had been an uptick in robberies, although arrests and clearance had also improved. Also discussed was the uptick in shots fired, particularly in the Montrose and Kimball area, but again, numerous arrests and leads have been developed. The general uptick in crime on public transit was also discussed, and individuals were encouraged to utilize increased vigilance when using public transit.

It was noted that the gang dynamics in the Montrose Kimball area was highly unusual, with individuals involved squatting within apartments rather than hanging out of street corners. Commander Pontecore stated that the 17th was fully staffed, although he agreed he

would never turn down additional officers. Despite the recent focal upticks, it was again noted that overall, crime statistics were down over the past 5 years. However, the isolated upticks are being aggressively addressed. Moving forward, it was noted that the camera designated for Cullom and St Louis has been installed and that the camera to be placed in the alley behind the Russell family's house had been surveyed and installation will take place as soon as possible. Long-term, the Commander indicated that the district has been investigating investment in the Shotspotter Technology, which would drastically reduce response time to shots fired and improve location triangulation. Alderman Nugent suggested that citizens call the Mayor's office directly at 312-744-3300 and ask for the Public Safety Liaison to request additional resources and staffing for the 17th district.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in

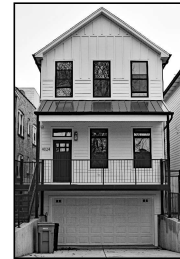
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**I love our neighborhood & have lived here for over 20 years.
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the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.**



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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



The Pantry is looking for donations for its Easter basket program in March and April. For an Amazon Wish List of options to order and have delivered to the Pantry, see the Pantry's Facebook page. Photo courtesy of the Irving Park Lutheran Church

Pantry Needs Easter Basket Donations

The Pantry will give out Easter baskets to clients' children from March 10th to April 8th (prior to Easter on April 12th). We are looking for donations

of dollar-store Easter baskets, plastic eggs (empty or filled), wrapped candies, candy bars and small toys.

Donations can be brought to the Pantry from 8 to noon on Wednesday mornings, from 6 to 7:30 on March 10 or any time at the bin on the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave. There also is an Amazon Wish List from which you can order and have items delivered to the Pantry. For a link, see the Pantry's Facebook page. If you have questions or have a group that would like to put together baskets, email craigshutt@gmail.com.

FDC Provides Grant

The Pantry was awarded a grant of \$33,000 for 2020 from the FDC Foundation. The grant continues funding for our "Fresh Foods for Better Health" effort and the Client Resources Coordinator position. Thank you to Grant Writer Cathy Foster for her work on the documentation and to Bookkeeper Lisa Albrecht, Treasurer Steve Slaber, Office Manager Gayle Christensen, and volunteer Gloria Price for their help in preparing, assembling and submitting the grant.

Thank you to Kathryn Korleski, the Student Council and all the students and parents at St. Viator Elementary School, who created a toiletries drive for the Pantry. We appreciate having such a big stock as we run through toiletries of all kinds quickly.

Special thanks for the ongoing donations from Pet Supplies Plus - Lincolnwood and Pet Supplies Plus - Morton Grove of pet food, treats and toys. They work with the Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.), which passes on donations from the groups to us on a regular basis.



Kathryn Korleski (back row right) and members of the Student Council at St. Viator Elementary School present to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry's Publicity Coordinator, Craig Show (back row left), the results of the school's recent toiletry drive. Photo by Mary Kay Shutt



Pantry volunteers gave out more than 200 Easter baskets to clients' children up to 8 years old during its 2019 program. An Amazon Wish List is available to order and deliver items directly to the Pantry. See the Pantry's Facebook page for details. Photo by Craig Shutt

Samantha NUGENT

39TH WARD ALDERMAN

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determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident.

CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com. The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

Here's how to reach or follow the 17th District CAPS office.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

Submitted by Mike Webber

News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents World Beat Percussion Trio 4/26

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is excited to present the World Beat Percussion Trio in an interactive performance on April 26th.



World Beat

Percussion Trio has been playing together for over 20 years in various forms. The Trio features Jeff Handley, Tina Laughlin, and Brandon Podjasek. Separately, these three musicians perform regularly in Chicago operas, orchestras, ballets and theater. They perform as the trio in many area public schools and libraries.

At a World Beat Percussion Trio performance the audience will see over 50 instruments representing Africa, India, U.S., and Latin countries. You'll experience music from around the globe, plus music important to Chicago history. At the end of each performance there will be plenty of extra instruments for the audience to play, with some coaching by the trio.

The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave., at 2:00 p.m. A reception with the artists will follow the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. Concerts are free of charge, but donations are gladly welcomed. This performance is kid-friendly - families are welcome!

The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series is in its 26th season of bringing high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is a program of Carlson Community Services, a non-profit serving the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766.

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WWCA Members

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Big Helpers Handyman/Furniture Assembly
Custom 2 Coaster

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs May 1 through April 30 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items including the *West Walker Wire* newsletter, the annual community garage sale, and local non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library, plus a lot more!

Bring your 2020-2021 dues to our next WWCA meeting. Or you can mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

Check one: FAMILY \$15 BUSINESS \$20 SENIOR \$5

NAME: _____
(Please print. Write your name as you would like it to appear in the *West Walker Wire*.)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please note your e-mail address if you would like to receive e-mail updates:

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Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Sue Gregoire, 4106 N Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618

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We encourage you to stop by if you need help accessing state services and to share your thoughts and ideas on ways to improve our community and state.



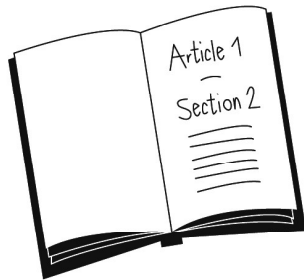
Jaime Andrade, State Representative, 40th District

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

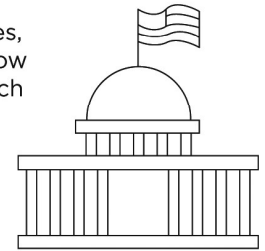


It's in the Constitution.

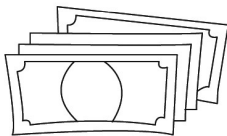
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

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.

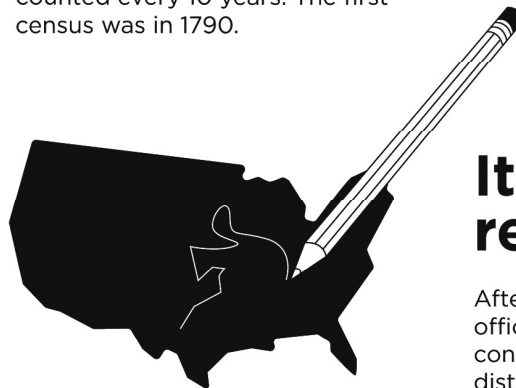


It's about \$675 billion.



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.

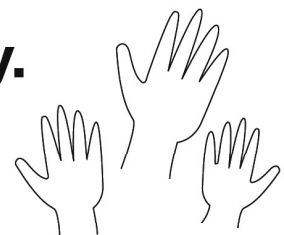


It's about redistricting.

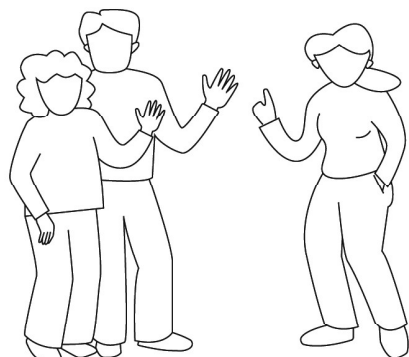
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

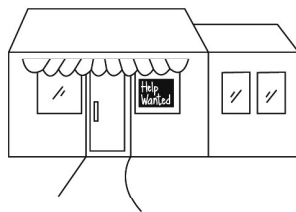
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



Census data are being used all around you.

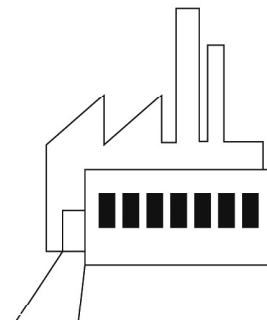
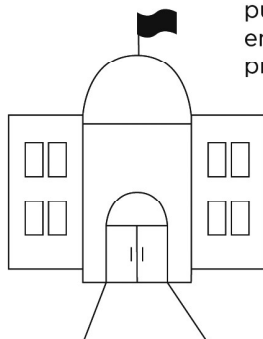


Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



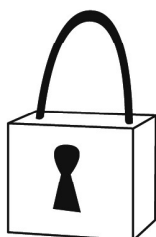
Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



Your privacy is protected.

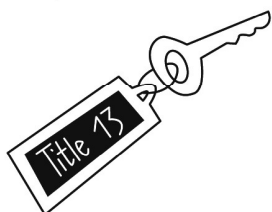
It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



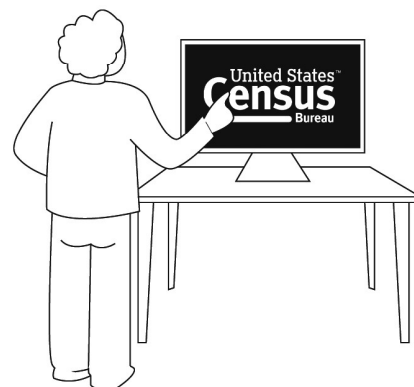
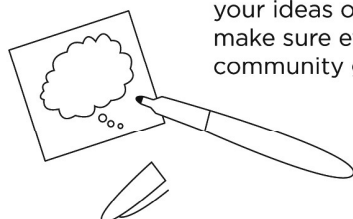
2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



INFORMACIÓN BÁSICA SOBRE EL CENSO: LO QUE USTED NECESITA SABER

¡El Censo del 2020 está más cerca de lo que usted cree!
Esto es un repaso rápido de lo que es y de por qué es esencial
que todos sean contados.

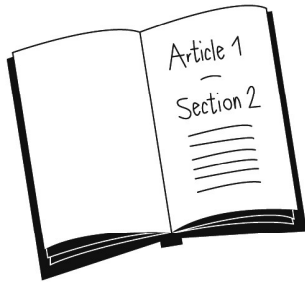
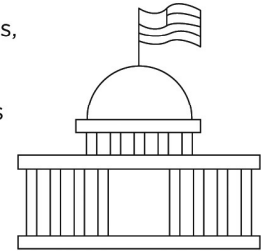
Todos cuentan.

El censo cuenta a todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos una vez, solo una vez y en el lugar correcto.



Se trata de una representación justa.

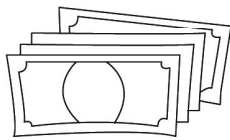
Cada 10 años, los resultados del censo se usan para llevar a cabo la redistribución proporcional de la Cámara de Representantes, determinando cuántos representantes recibe cada estado.



Está en la Constitución.

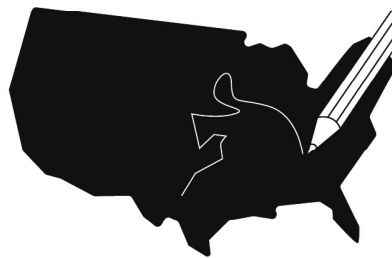
La Constitución de los EE. UU. ordena que cada 10 años se cuente a todas las personas que están en el país. El primer censo se llevó a cabo en 1790.

Se trata de \$675 mil millones.



La distribución de más de \$675 mil millones de fondos federales, subsidios y apoyo a los estados, condados y comunidades se basa en los datos del censo.

Ese dinero se usa para escuelas, hospitales, carreteras, obras públicas y otros programas vitales.

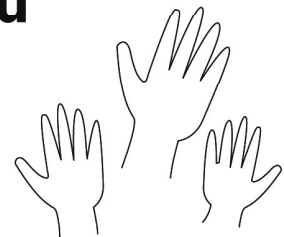


Se trata de la redistribución legislativa.

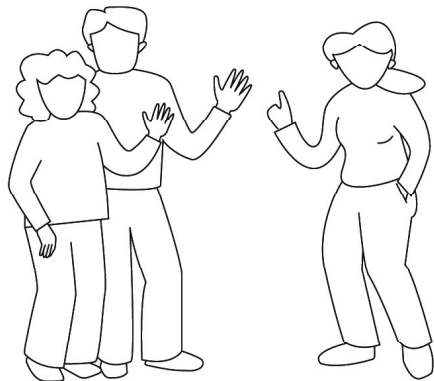
Luego del censo de cada década, los funcionarios estatales redefinen los límites de los distritos legislativos congresionales y estatales en sus estados para reflejar los cambios en la población.

Participar es su deber cívico.

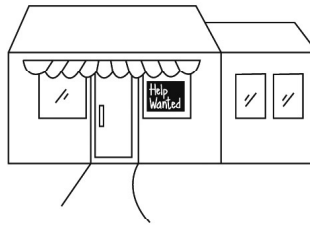
Completar el censo es obligatorio. Es una manera de participar en nuestra democracia y decir "¡YO CUENTO!".



Los datos del censo se usan en todas partes.

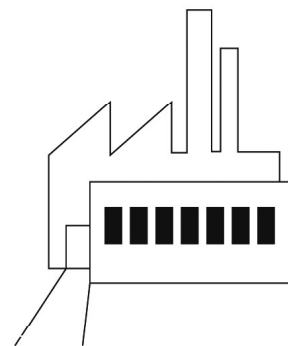
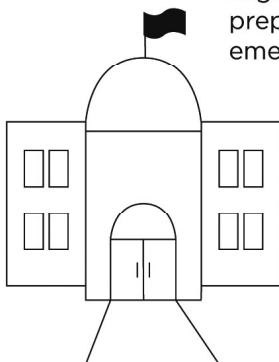


Los residentes usan los datos del censo para apoyar iniciativas comunitarias relacionadas con la legislación, la calidad de vida y la defensa del consumidor.



Las empresas usan los datos del censo para decidir dónde construir fábricas, oficinas y tiendas, lo cual crea empleos.

Los gobiernos locales usan el censo para la seguridad pública y la preparación para emergencias.



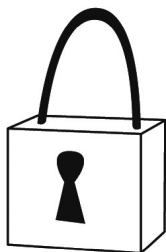
Los constructores de propiedades inmobiliarias usan los datos del censo para construir casas nuevas y revitalizar vecindarios viejos.



Su privacidad está protegida.

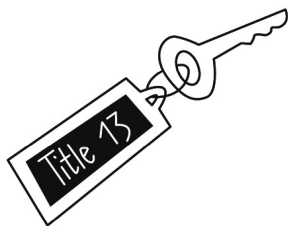
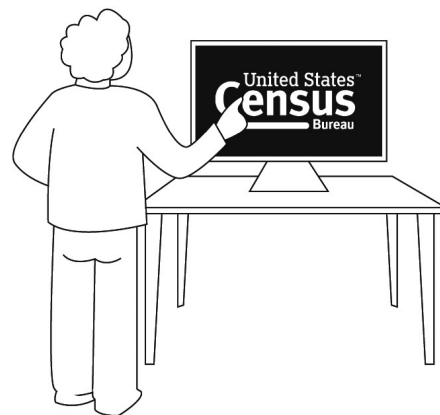
Es contra la ley que la Oficina del Censo divulgue públicamente sus respuestas de cualquier manera que pudiera identificarle a usted o a su hogar.

Por ley, sus respuestas no pueden ser usadas en su contra y solo pueden ser usadas para producir estadísticas.



El 2020 será más fácil que nunca.

En el 2020, usted podrá responder al censo por internet.



Usted puede ayudar.

Su opinión es muy importante—necesitamos sus ideas sobre la mejor forma de asegurarnos que se cuenten a todas las personas en su comunidad.

