

Census 101: What Somerset County Needs to Know

Respond online at www.2020census.gov.

Respond by phone at 844-330-2020 (English), 844-468-2020 (Spanish) or numerous other languages.

Respond by mailing back your 2020 Census Questionnaire.

You can respond even if you do not have the unique Census identifier that was mailed to you.

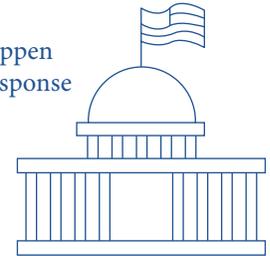
Everyone Counts in Somerset County.

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



It's about fair representation.

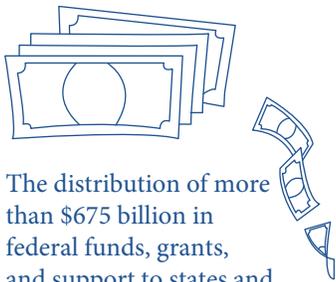
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. In 2010, New Jersey lost a seat. What will happen in 2020? YOUR response will help decide!



It's in the Constitution.

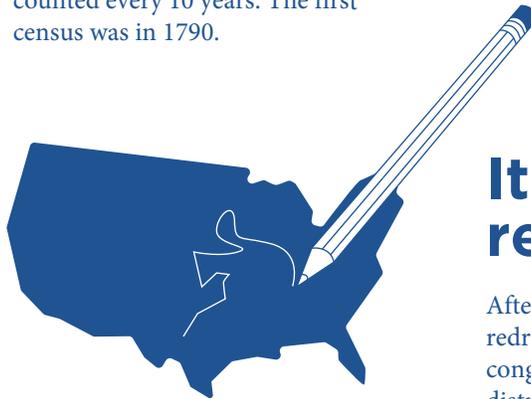
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states and counties like Somerset County is based on Census data.

That money is spent locally 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.

Somerset County will receive its share of federal dollars only if YOU and everyone in our community responds!

