

KANSAS COUNTS
CENSUS2020

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS?

2020 marks an important year for Kansans, and all Americans, as the census returns! Since 1790, the Census has been everyone's civic duty. It is also an incredible opportunity to help shape our future!

WHY IT MATTERS TO OUR STATE AND OUR COMMUNITY!

- Federal funding to states and communities is determined by their population data.
- Responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats our state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Responding is the civic responsibility of everyone and mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- For *every* household in Independence that is missed in the Census count, our community loses approximately **\$47,886**. That's **\$478,860** for every **10** households missed.

Your response assures local funding for the following:

- Veterans Programs
- Low Income Energy Assistance
- Low Income Housing Assistance
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Student loans
- Child and Adult Food Care Programs, such as Free and Reduced School Lunch and Breakfast, WIC, etc.
- Headstart
- Child Care Grants
- Vocational Rehabilitation Grants
- Public Infrastructure Grants, such as ADA Ramps, Highway Improvements, Water/Sewer System Projects, Airport Enhancements, etc.
- Community Facilities Loans/Grants
- State Children's Health Insurance Program
- Special Education Grants
- Business and Industry Loans
- Foster Care
- Adoption Assistance



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WHEN?

U.S. Census Day is April 1, 2020. By now, your household should have received a letter with instructions for completing the Census questionnaire. It can be done at any time between now and July 31st.

HOW?

The Census questionnaire can be completed in multiple ways:

- Online using a computer, tablet or smart phone.
- Over the telephone by calling the Census call center.
- With a paper form.

WHAT?

The Census questionnaire will ask the following questions:

1. Name
2. Phone number
3. Age of each member of the household.
4. Sex
5. Race
6. Hispanic origin
7. Relationship to head of household
8. Household tenure (own or rent)
9. Number of people in household
10. Usual place of residence

**ALL CENSUS RESPONSES ARE KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL AND SECURE**

**THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL NOT ASK FOR YOUR CITIZENSHIP
STATUS, FINANCIAL INFORMATION OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

Ensure You Count,
Independence Counts
& Kansas Counts by
Completing the
2020 Census



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**Census
2020**

Census data matters to your community.

An under count in **Independence** means our community could miss out on approximately **\$47,886.00** in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census.

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FACTS ABOUT INDEPENDENCE *(based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau)*

COMMUNITY:

Total Population (as of 2017): **8,983**

Population Change Since 2010: **-500**

Median Age: **36.9**



ECONOMY:

Median Household Income: **\$38,577**

Number of Residents (age 16+) Employed: **6,953**

Number Employed in Health Care, Social Assistance, and Educational Services: **1,001**

Population Working Outside of City: **49.8%**

Average Commute Time to Work: **15.6 minutes**



HEALTH:

Number of Population with Health Insurance: **7,874**

Number with Private Insurance (i.e. Employer, Direct-Purchase): **5,648**

Number with Public Health Insurance (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare/military): **3,536**

Number with No Insurance: **863**



*Residents can have multiple forms of insurance

HOUSING & LIVING:

Median Household Size: **2.3**

Median Household Value: **\$70,200**

Total Number of Structures: **4,751**

Single Unit: **3,891**

Multi-Unit: **772**

Mobile Home: **84**

Boat, RV, van, etc.: **4**

Households with Broadband Internet Access: **2,686**



EDUCATION:

Number of School-age Children: **2,015**

Total Population Over 25 Years of Age: **5,880**

*Graduated High School (incl. GED): **1,646**

*Attained Some College, No Degree: **1,764**

*Attained Associates Degree: **733**

*Attained Bachelor's Degree: **786**

*Attained Graduate or Professional Degree: **383**



*Data points indicate highest education level achieved

Ensure that **you count, Independence counts, and Kansas counts** by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.