Counting yourself in the 2020 Census matters.

Responding to the 2020 Census is an easy, safe, and important way to help provide resources for your community in the next 10 years. The census helps us get the healthcare, education, and affordable housing our families and community need to be successful. Count everyone in your household to help shape a better future.

Responding is important.

The 2020 Census will influence community funding and congressional representation for the next decade. Information collected in the census will inform the allocation of federal funds for states and communities each year.

That includes money for things like:
- First responders
- Medicare Part B
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program
- Libraries and community centers
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Senior Community Service Employment Program

Responding is easy.

No internet? No problem. Call United Way 2-1-1 or visit any public library in Johnson County for assistance with the Census.

Beginning in mid-March 2020, you can respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that is most comfortable for you. Large-print guides to the questionnaire are available upon request. From May-July 2020, census takers will visit households that have not responded yet. A census taker can assist if you need help completing your form.

Responding is safe.

Your personal information is kept confidential by law. Your responses can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies or used against you by any government agency or court in any way.

For online assistance go to 2020Census.gov or CountMeInJoCo.org.
#countmeinjoco #2020census
Census data are being used all around you.

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

Business 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.

The law is clear — no personal information can be shared. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies. All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to $250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

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

Assistance is available. Call United Way 2-1-1 or visit 2020Census.gov.
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