



Census 2020 Confidentiality & Security Fact Sheet

Will the information that I disclose to the United States (U.S.) Census Bureau be confidential and secure?

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by a federal law, Title 13 of the United States Code, to keep your census data confidential and secure. This federal law provides strong protection for the data that U.S. Census Bureau collect from all households in United States.

If I complete the Census Questionnaire online, how will my information be protected?

The U.S. Census Bureau follows industry's best cybersecurity practices and federal requirements to safeguard your data. The U.S. Census response website will be equipped with data encryption and two forms of authentication to ensure that your information is secure.

Can my information be used against me in court proceedings or by any governmental agencies?

Your information cannot be used against you by any governmental agencies or in any court proceedings. Protecting your data is U.S. Census Bureau's highest priority and it is taken very seriously within the agency. Individuals who work for the U.S. Census Bureau have taken a lifetime oath to keep your data confidential. Anyone caught violating the federal law will face severe federal penalties and fines.

How will my information be used by the U.S. Census Bureau?

Your information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau can only be used for statistical purposes to determine funding for services and programs, political representation, and geographic redistricting at all levels. The information you share with U.S. Census Bureau will never be published as it is against the law to disclose or publish your data.

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