

The 2020 Census is Coming to Kitsap Soon

Everyone counts.

The goal of the census is to count every single person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place. Housing situation and immigration status do not matter for the census. The census includes everyone.



Surveys in March/April.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790. The 2020 Census is coming to Kitsap County at the end of March through early April 2020.

No matter where you live.

It doesn't matter if you live in a house, an apartment, with friends or family, a shelter, or outside – it is important to participate. In fact, it is your civic duty to participate in the census as part of our democratic system.



You will be counted where you stay.

If you are staying in a shelter, the census staff will work with the shelter to get your information. If you are staying with family or friends, the person you are staying with will include you on the census survey that they complete. Census staff will visit people living outside to collect census information.

Participating is safe. Your privacy is protected.

Your personal census information is kept confidential by law. Your responses can <u>only</u> be used to produce statistics. They <u>cannot</u> be used by law enforcement, ICE, or to determine your eligibility for government benefits.





Census determines funding and fair representation.

The census influences funding for community services and representation. SNAP, hospitals, transit, Medicare, housing assistance, and employment resources depend on census counts. Census counts also determine how many seats each state gets in the federal House of Representatives.

