

2020 Census Guide for Renters

1. What does the census mean for renters?

Renters are considered among the hardest to-count population. It's critical that all renters in the City of Miami Beach are counted to ensure the city gets its fair share of federal funding for programs that benefit renters, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and Assistance Payments Programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), local community health centers, and so much more.

2. Who in my household needs to be counted?

It is important that everyone living or staying at your address (including inside your apartment or house, in the garage, or in a camper on your property) is counted by September 30, 2020. That includes babies, children, adults, and seniors, and people who are not related to you. The U.S. Census Bureau will only accept one survey per household, so it is very important that everyone is counted correctly the first time.

3. Is my landlord authorized to provide information about me to a census worker?

If a census worker is unable to obtain answers to the survey from you, he or she is required to contact the landlord or manager of your rental property for the necessary information. This could lead to an undercount, as landlords may not know the exact number of people or families living in their rental properties.

4. Will someone from the federal government be sent to my home?

Census takers will only come to your home if no one from your household responds to the survey. In that case, the census taker will ask you to complete the questionnaire in person. However, census takers traditionally have a difficult time accessing apartment buildings, which is why so many renters do not get counted. To avoid someone coming to your home, you should complete the census questionnaire as soon as you receive the notification in the mail.

5. How will my information be protected? How do I know my information is safe?

Any and all information that you provide in answer to a Census Bureau survey or census is strictly confidential. We do not share your information with anyone, including other federal agencies, and do not publish any information about individual households or businesses. Rather, the data we collect is only used to create statistics. The Census Bureau has legal, procedural, technological, and statistical safeguards to ensure your information will not be disclosed to anyone.

6. How can I complete the Census?

Responding to the 2020 Census is quick and easier than ever. The 2020 Census marks the first time every household will have the option to respond to the census online from your desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. You can reply by mail or phone if you don't have Internet access and the questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.

- i. Respond online at <https://my2020census.gov/>
- ii. Complete and mail back questionnaire mailed to your home
- iii. Respond toll-free by phone at
 1. 1.844.330.2020 (English)
 2. 1.844.468.2020 (Spanish)



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