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CENSUS 2020

North Carolina 2020 Census Avoiding Fraud and Scams

The [North Carolina Complete Count Commission](#) (NC CCC) and its many partners across the state are committed to making the 2020 Census a success for our state. Visit census.nc.gov for more information and resources.

The Census Matters to North Carolina!

The Census is required by the US Constitution to apportion seats in the House of Representatives.

- North Carolina is estimated to gain a seat in Congress
- Apportionment is based on Census counts – not estimates
- Participation matters!

Federal and State funding formulas rely on Census data to distribute funds.

- More than \$16 billion in federal funds were obligated in NC in FY2015 based on Census numbers
- That's \$1,623 per person, per year in federal funds and about \$200 per person in state funds
- Participating in the Census brings your tax dollars *back* to your community

Local planners, businesses and service providers use Census data to plan for the future.

Be Alert to Potential Census Fraud or Scams!

The Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Social Security numbers
- Bank or credit card account numbers
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party

If you are visited by someone from the United States Census Bureau, below are some recognition tips to assure the validity of the field representative:



Census Bureau enumerators must present an ID Badge that includes their photograph, the Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. In addition to carrying a laptop and/or bag with a Census Bureau logo, the field representative will provide the following:

- Supervisor's contact information and/or the regional office phone number for verification, if asked.
- A letter from the Director of the Census Bureau on U.S. Census Bureau letterhead.

If in doubt, call the U.S. Census Bureau Atlanta Regional Office at 1-800-424-6974.