CENSUS BASICS

1. Everyone Counts
   The Census counts every person living in the U.S. once, and only once, in the right place. Historically, urbanized areas are undercounted and underrepresented.

2. A Civic Duty
   Completing the Census is required for every household. It’s a way to participate in our democracy and say “I count!”

3. It's In The Constitution
   The U.S. Constitution requires a Census every 10 years. The first Census was undertaken in 1790.

4. Confidential
   Census information cannot be used for any purpose other than the Census, according to federal law. The information on your form cannot be shared with any other government agency or department, including law enforcement, immigration officials, or the court system.

THE 2020 CENSUS AFFECTS YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Counting an increasingly diverse and growing population is a massive undertaking. It requires years of planning and the support of thousands of people. A complete count means:

1. Representation
   Congressional and state legislative districts will be drawn to ensure accurate representation.

2. Federal Aid
   Your community can receive its fair share of more than $675 billion in federal funds, distributed annually.

3. Planning Our Future
   Public officials can properly plan for new schools and hospitals and ensure public safety.

FUNDING OUR ROADS

Census data is used to help distribute federal road funding to states and local communities. Participating in the Census ensures Michigan and Wayne County communities receive every federal dollar available to repair our roads and infrastructure.

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