**How Your Census Response Impacts Children**

You might be familiar with the census that takes place every 10 years, but are you familiar with how your responses can impact children?

The census determines funding for education, food and medical programs -- all of which are critical for keeping kids healthy, happy and safe.

That’s why it’s so important that you count everyone who lives in your home.

Demographic data from the census determines the allocation of billions of dollars in federal funding. A complete census count helps to ensure Michigan continues to receive its fair share of funding for programs that kids rely on:

* Special education
* School lunch programs
* Title 1
* Head Start
* Medicare, Medicaid and MIChild
* Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

The Census takes less than 10 minutes to complete and has nine questions. Fill out the census online at [2020census.org](https://2020census.gov/), call 1-844-330-2020 (and select your preferred language) or fill out the paper form mailed to your home.

Your participation in the census can make an extraordinary difference in every child’s future.

When everyone counts, everyone wins! Kids, too!