

2020 Census Ambassador Toolkit

FAITH-BASED LEADERS

This toolkit includes helpful information and materials that will help Leaders of Faith spread the word about the upcoming Census! Inside you will find:

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- ✓ Sample Census Pitch



2020 Census Ambassador Talking Points Faith-Based Leaders

Why Does the Census Matter?

When we are short-counted, we are short-changed. Census data is used to decide how much funding our region receives for hospitals, schools, roads, health insurance, public works, and so much more – our quality of life is at stake if we are undercounted.

Our voices matter. Census data is used to decide the number of representatives in Congress. New Yorkers deserve to be fully and accurately represented in our government, and an undercount would undermine our voices.

Completing the Census is simple and safe. There are just a few short questions on the Census questionnaire that can be answered in 10 minutes or less, either online, by phone, or by mail. If you choose to answer by phone, you can speak with someone in one of 13 languages. Your information is protected by Title XIII, which means that the Census Bureau cannot share your information with anyone – not even other branches of the government. If a Census worker shares your information, they will face severe fines and even jail time.

We will live with the consequences of these questions for the next 10 years. We only have one chance to get this right. The funding levels and Congressional seats that are set in the 2020 Census cannot be changed until 2030. This is our only opportunity to set Long Island on the right course for the decade ahead.

Every single person counts. The Census can be a tool for empowerment and bringing our communities together. It is a bipartisan issue – everyone benefits when everyone is counted. By completing the Census, we can all contribute to a brighter future for our region.



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Key Points for Faith-Based Leaders

Faith based institutions are trusted community hubs that can provide Census assistance and information.

In a time in which distrust of the government is a barrier to participation, faith leaders can bring information to their congregations about the Census and why it is so important to respond in 2020.

Faith based institutions can mobilize their communities.

Faith leaders can spread information to their congregations, creating events like "Census Sundays/Saturdays/Fridays" to call attention to the upcoming Census and everything it impacts. Faith leaders can mobilize their communities to canvas and march collectively to show just how much the Census matters to their community.

Everyone deserves to be counted.

Every single human being counts, and the Census is an opportunity to ensure that our funding and our political voices reflect this. There are scriptural references to the Census that can be used by faith leaders to show the importance of this act. Everyone possesses inherent worth, dignity, and value – but our communities cannot be valued if they are invisible.

Completing the Census is simple, safe, and secure.

All information provided to the Census Bureau is confidential and protected by law. While this will be the first Census with the option to complete the questions online, everyone will still be able to fill out the Census by phone or by mail.

Our community benefits when everyone is counted.

The Census influences funding for programs and resources that our community depends on, like schools, hospitals, food assistance, health insurance. We all have a civic and moral responsibility to ourselves and to our neighbors to complete the Census in 2020.



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The Census in Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures

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Christian Scriptures

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of all the inhabited earth."

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"They ask thee what they should spend. Say, 'Let whatever of your wealth you spend be for parents, kinsfolk, orphans, the indigent, and the traveler. Whatever good you do, truly God knows it.'"

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2020 Census Ambassador Checklist

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What Can You Do To Help?

- Communicate the importance of the Census to your network using the following channels: bulletins, newsletters, mobile apps, robocalls, digital bulletin boards, prayer lines, radio shows, and any other communications that your congregation utilizes.
- Include the Long Island CCC's logo in your email signature and promote the Pledge to be Counted. HWCLI created an online pledge where Long Islanders can sign up to show their commitment to the Census and receive email reminders this spring.
- Post social media graphics across your various social media platforms to reach your digital followers. Post a short video in which you speak about how important Census completion is to the well-being of our communities and why you plan to fill out the Census.
- Educate your congregation about the different ways that they can complete the Census. Encourage your congregation to call the Census phone line after services and complete the Census before going home.
- Work together with key community leaders to create Census marches to mobilize communities or hold fairs and exhibitions after worship that highlight Census participation.
- Reach out to youth ministries to galvanize activism among your congregants. Youth ministries can devise creative strategies for promoting the Census through social media, volunteering to give out fliers at local events, and sharing information with friends, classmates, and family.
- Share Census information and materials through food pantries and charitable shops. Use outreach ministries to reach historically undercounted communities.
- Mention the spiritual value of being counted at faith festivals and holy celebrations. Faith leaders can connect the Census to the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.



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Logo:



E-Mail Signature:



Long Island Counts!

I have taken the pledge to count in the 2020 Census. Join me!
[Click here to pledge to be counted and find out more about the 2020 Census](#)



Long Island Cuenta

Me he comprometido a contar en el censo de 2020. ¡Únete a mi!
[Haga clic aquí para comprometerse a contar y obtener más información sobre el Censo de 2020](#)



Tout moun konte nan Long Island!

Mwen pran angajman pou mwen konte nan resansman 2020 lan. Patisipé avèk mwen!
[Klike la pou ou pran engajman pou ou ka konte epi pou ou jwenn plis enfòmasyon sou resansman 2020](#)



WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

The U.S. Constitution mandates a decennial census to count every person residing in the country. The census is designed and carried out by the U.S. Census Bureau and takes place starting in March 2020 and continues through August. The census can be completed:



ONLINE



BY PHONE



BY MAIL

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

An undercount of Long Island's population could result in a funding loss for schools, infrastructure, health care services, and economic development.

In addition, with just a 0.6% undercount, New York stands to lose two congressional representatives, putting our fair share of representation and our voices at risk.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON LONG ISLAND?



MORE THAN **\$675 BILLION** EACH YEAR IS DISSEMINATED BASED ON CENSUS DATA



THAT MONEY GETS ALLOCATED FOR:



Hospitals,



Schools,



Roads,



Health Insurance,



Public Programs,
(Like WIC & SNAP)



so much more.

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

The Health & Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI), in partnership with both Nassau and Suffolk County Executives and the Long Island Community Foundation, formed the Nassau & Suffolk Complete Count Committees. These committees are comprised of nonprofit, government, public and private sector partners serving on subcommittees addressing areas such as business, communications, early childhood, education, faith-based communities, immigrant communities, local government, people of color, and senior citizens. Together, we are working to ensure that every Long Islander knows about the Census and the importance of a complete count.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Join the Complete Count Committees!

There is room for everyone at the table- use the contact info below to sign up for a subcommittee!

Apply for a job with the U.S. Census Bureau!

Census jobs pay between \$17 to \$23.50 an hour and have flexible hours. To learn more please visit: <http://census.gov/jobs>

Take the Pledge & Become a Census Ambassador!

Help us spread the word by taking a pledge to complete the Census and encouraging others to do the same!

Complete the Census in April 2020!



¿QUÉ ES EL CENSO?

La Constitución de Estados Unidos manda que se realice un censo cada diez años para contar cada persona que reside en el país. El censo está diseñado y ejecutado por el Bureau de Censo de Estados Unidos y comenzará en marzo del 2020 y continuará hasta agosto. El censo puede completarse:



ONLINE



BY PHONE



BY MAIL

¿POR QUÉ ES IMPORTANTE?

Un conteo bajo de la población de Long Island puede resultar en una pérdida de fondos para escuelas, infraestructura, servicios de salud y desarrollo económico.

Adicionalmente, con solo un 0.6% de un bajo conteo, New York perdería dos representantes al congreso, poniendo nuestra justa cuota de representantes y nuestras voces en riesgo.

¿CUÁL SERÍA EL IMPACTO EN LONG ISLAND?

CADA AÑO, MÁS DE **\$675 BILLONES** SON ENTREGADOS BASADOS EN LOS DATOS DEL CENSO.



ESTE DINERO SE ASIGNA PARA:



Hospitales,



Escuelas,



Carreteras,



Seguros de Salud,



Programas Públicos,
(como WIC y SNAP)



mucho más

¿QUÉ ESTAMOS HACIENDO?

El Health & Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI) en asociación con los ejecutivos del condado de Suffolk y Nassau y la "Long Island Community Foundation", formaron los Comités para un Censo Completo de Nassau y Suffolk. Estos comités están compuestos por organizaciones sin fines de lucro, gobierno, socios del sector público y privado, quienes sirven en subcomités que abordan áreas tales como: negocios, comunicaciones, primera infancia, educación, comunidades de fe, comunidades inmigrantes, gobierno local, gente de color, adultos mayores. Juntos estamos trabajando para asegurarnos que cada persona que vive en Nueva York sepa sobre el censo y la importancia de un conteo completo.

¿CÓMO PUEDE USTED AYUDAR?

- **iParticipe en los Comités de Censo Completo!**
- Hay espacio para todos en la mesa. Use la información de contacto que aparece abajo para inscribirse en un subcomité
- **iAplique para un trabajo con el Bureau del Censo!**
- Los trabajos con el censo pagan entre \$17 a \$23.50 la hora y tiene horas flexibles. Para aprender más por favor visite <http://census.gov/jobs>
- **iHaga la promesa & conviértase en un embajador del censo!**
- Ayude a correr la voz haciendo la promesa de completar el censo y animando a otros a hacer lo mismo.
- **iComplete el censo en abril del 2020!**

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CENSUS QUESTIONS



In addition to your address,

The 2020 Census Will Ask About Your Household:

The number of people in the household on April 1.

Include everyone in your home, even if they are not related to you. The census counts all people in the U.S., including small children, non-citizens, renters – everyone. A second question asks if any additional people were staying in the household on Apr 1.

Do you own or rent your home?

Telephone number

This will only be used if needed for official Census Bureau business

The 2020 Census Will Ask About the People Who Live in Your Household:

Name, sex, age, and date of birth of each person in the household, and whether they usually live or stay somewhere else.

Relationship to the person filling out the form

Race

You can choose one or more races. If you identify as multiracial, you can check the box or boxes for your racial groups and write in additional detail about your racial background (Example: Check box "Black," write in "African American" and check box for "Chinese.>"). Not all racial groups are listed as check box options. If your racial group is not listed, you can write in additional detail about your racial background.

Hispanic origin

Hispanic origin is considered an ethnicity, not a race. You can mark that you are not of Hispanic origin, or mark that you are Hispanic and note your ethnic origin.

Source: <https://www.countusin2020.org/resources>



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CENSUS QUESTIONS

Start here OR go online at [url removed] to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.
Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at [url removed] or call the number on page 8.

The census must also include people without a permanent place to live, so:

- If someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from here, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?
Mark all that apply.

- Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark ONE box.

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number?
We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number
 - -

[Form number removed]

Person 1

5. Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

What is Person 1's name? Print name below.

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark ONE box.

Male Female

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

Age on April 1, 2020 years

Print numbers in boxes.
Month Day Year of birth

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

9. What is Person 1's race?
Mark one or more boxes AND print origins.

- White — Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.
- Black or African Am. — Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
- American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow, Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Filipino
- Korean
- Samoan
- Asian Indian
- Japanese
- Chamorro
- Other Asian — Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.
- Other Pacific Islander — Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.
- Some other race — Print race or origin.

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1. Print name of Person 2

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

2. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?
 Mark all that apply.

No

Yes, for college Yes, with a parent or other relative

Yes, for a military assignment Yes, at a seasonal or second residence

Yes, for a job or business Yes, in a jail or prison

Yes, in a nursing home Yes, for another reason

3. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark ONE box.

Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse Father or mother

Opposite-sex unmarried partner Grandchild

Same-sex husband/wife/spouse Parent-in-law

Same-sex unmarried partner Son-in-law or daughter-in-law

Biological son or daughter Other relative

Adopted son or daughter Roommate or housemate

Stepson or stepdaughter Foster child

Brother or sister Other nonrelative

4. What is this person's sex? Mark ONE box.

Male Female

5. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth? For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

Age on April 1, 2020 Print numbers in boxes.

_____ years Month Day Year of birth

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 6 about Hispanic origin and Question 7 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc. ↴

7. What is this person's race?
 Mark one or more boxes AND print origins.

White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. ↴

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→ If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 3 on the next page.

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Sample Social Media Posts:

- Our community benefits when everyone is counted. Don't forget to complete the 2020 Census! #(town)counts
#LongIslandCounts #2020Census
- Did you know? The Census decides funding for things that our community depends on, like schools, hospitals, food programs, and health insurance. #Census2020 #LongIslandCounts
- You can't be valued if you are invisible. Be visible. Be counted.
#2020Census #LongIslandCounts
- Every single human being counts! Help Long Island achieve a Complete Count in the 2020 Census #CountMeIn #2020Census
- For the sake of our future, make sure YOU are counted in 2020
#LongIslandCounts
- Be faithful to your community. Get counted! #CountMeIn
- Bless your community's future by completing the 2020 Census
#LongIslandCounts
- #icount because I care. I want (town) to have all the resources it deserves to be happy and healthy, so I'm making sure I fill out the 2020 Census! #wecount #Census2020

#LongIslandCounts
#CountWithMe
#CuentaConmigo
#CountMeInLI
#LIcounts



#ICountLI
#Census2020
#WhyicountLI
#[Town Name]Counts
#MyFamilyCountsLI

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Sample Social Media Graphics:

#CensusinScripture

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of all the inhabited earth."
(Luke 2:1)



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#LongIslandCounts

Complete the Census
& help secure a better
future for your family
& your community.



#CountMeInLI
#LongIslandCounts

Sample Census Pitch

The following paragraph can be used in newsletters, emails, social media posts, or any other communication medium as a brief summary of why the Census matters and we should all be invested in a Complete Count in 2020.

The 2020 Census is our one chance to ensure that Long Island gets its fair share of funding, resources, and elected representation for years to come.

Census data affects much more than we often realize - everything from school funding to class size to resources for road repair, from where businesses choose to locate to even the number of representatives we have in Congress. Even though the Census influences so many aspects of our day to day lives and things we may take for granted, many people do not know just how important filling out the Census questionnaire truly is.

The stakes for our region couldn't be higher. It is up to us to stand together to ensure that Long Island is fairly and fully represented in the 2020 Census. Make sure to fill out the 2020 Census and do everything you can to share the word about this important civic duty!



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