August 10, 2020. The Census Bureau has announced that it will end its attempts to conduct in-person interviews on September 30 instead of October 31, 2020.

At this point, **approximately four in 10 households in the United States - and in Vermont - have not responded to the 2020 Census.** The shortened period for in-person interviews threatens to significantly undercount rural areas, communities of color, immigrants, and other hard-to-count populations.

In Vermont, the effects of an undercount might put at risk an estimated $1.5 trillion in federal spending over the next decade on programs including Medicare, Medicaid, and other public services.

Please help get the word out to people in households that have not yet responded that this time **we can't afford for them to wait for a knock at their door.** Encourage them to respond now in one of three ways:

- [Online at 2020census.gov](#) – in English or many other languages
- [By phone at at 844-330-2020](#) – in English or one of 12 other languages
- By filling in and mailing back the questionnaire they received in the mail
How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Here, you’ll count everyone living and sleeping in your home most of the time, including young children, roommates, and friends and family members who are living with you, even temporarily.

Why we ask this question: This helps us count the entire U.S. population and ensures that we count people where they live most of the time as of Census Day (April 1, 2020).

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