The “Why Answer the Census?” Tool

EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **HOUSING**
  - Section 8
  - Public Housing
  - Homeless Services

- **HEALTHCARE**
  - Medicaid
  - Medicare
  - Disability Services

- **INCOME / SUPPORT**
  - TANF (Welfare)
  - Food Stamps
  - Social Security / SSI
  - Earned Income Tax Credit
  - Emergency Food Assistance Program

- **SCHOOLS**
  - Free Lunch Program
  - Special Education

- **JOBS**
  - Job Training
  - Unemployment

- **COURTS**
  - Family
  - Housing
  - Small Claims

- **CHILDREN**
  - Head Start
  - WIC
  - Child Care Vouchers

- **ADULT EDUCATION**
  - GED
  - Adult Diplomas

- **NEIGHBORHOODS**
  - Street Lights
  - Parks
  - Bus / Subway

Which 3 services are most important to you?

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YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CENSUS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

All these services are impacted by the census.

The census happens every 10 years to count how many people live in a community.

The number of people counted determines:
- how much money or federal funds are given to a community
- how many people will represent you and your community to make decisions about services.

If you are not counted, money or federal funds that could have been given to your community will be given to other programs or communities.

Why would you like to make sure to answer the census and get everyone in your household, including young children and newborns, counted?

What questions do you have about being able to participate in the census?
Ask as many questions as you can.

What did you learn? How do you feel now about answering the census?

For more information about the census, contact:

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