Every ten years, the United States government conducts a census, or national headcount, to determine where people live. The U.S. Census is simple, safe, and essential to fill out.

The census is simple.

- The census is very simple to fill out. It asks how many people live in your home and very basic information about each person.
- **The census will be mailed to your household in March:** it can be completed by mail, or you can respond on the phone or via the Internet. We recommend that you submit your answers online, because that is the easiest way to do so.

The census is safe.

- It is safe for U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, recent immigrants, and undocumented persons to fill out the census.
- Representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau cannot ask for social security numbers, information about citizenship, or political views; they will also never solicit fees or donations for their work.
- Immigration authorities, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), do not have access to census data, and in 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the Trump Administration would not be allowed to include a question about citizenship on the census.
- If someone claiming to be from the U.S. Census Bureau asks about you or your family's immigration status, we suggest that you do not answer–and that you report the incident to community@sikhcoalition.org immediately.

The census is essential.

- The government uses information from the census to allocate more than **$600 billion worth of resources** per year to communities across the country, funding things like schools, hospitals, roads, and parks.
- **Businesses decide where to move, hire, and invest** based on population data from the census.
- The census count also determines representation in our democracy, including how local legislative maps are drawn, and how many electoral college votes each state gets in presidential elections. **The more people who are counted, the greater voice their community has in our democracy.**

The Sikh Coalition is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help all Sikhs in the U.S.–regardless of age, location, or immigration/citizenship status–be counted by the census. We are looking for volunteers to table at gurdwaras across the country to help Sikh Americans fill out the census in a safe and supportive environment. We can also help connect you with the Census Bureau if you speak Punjabi and are seeking employment opportunities. For more information, please email us at community@sikhcoalition.org.
2020 U.S. Census Sikh Mind Alert: Don’t Forget Your Census Count.

U.S. Census is underway. The Census is a federal mandate and happens every 10 years. This year is 2020. The Census is a legal requirement under the United States Constitution. Failure to complete the Census can result in legal consequences and financial penalties.

Here is a list of important things to know about the 2020 Census:

- The Census is a confidential survey of every person living in the United States.
- The Census is conducted every 10 years and is used to determine the division of federal funding and political representation.
- The Census is mandatory, and failure to participate can result in fines.
- The Census is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The Census is conducted through a combination of in-person interviews and online surveys.
- The Census is protected by strict confidentiality laws.

If you have any questions about the Census, please contact the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-844-330-2020 or visit their website at www.census.gov.

By participating in the Census, you are helping to ensure that your community receives the resources it needs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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