

## Oppose Administration Attempts to Short-Change Census 2020



The Trump administration is planning to cut the constitutionally mandated [2020 Census short by a month](#). That could result in an unprecedented undercount.

We can't afford to miss anybody in the [2020 Census](#). Failure to count millions of children, people of color, low-income Americans, and immigrants would have a devastating two-fold effect for a decade: cutting funding for a wide range of programs that have funding formulas derived from Census data and stealing representation in Congress from vulnerable populations.

The Constitution requires, and our faith demands, that every person living in the United States be counted. All people are created in God's image; all have inherent dignity; and all have a right to be counted in the 2020 Census.

LCWR has joined the National Partnership Program of the U.S. Census Bureau to help spread the word about the critical importance of ensuring that the 2020 Census counts each and every person living in this country. President Trump's administration is making that less and less certain.

In these difficult times, please [contact your Senators](#) and ask them to add bipartisan legislation to the next round of COVID relief. Suggested text:

*"My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a Catholic sister and your constituent. I am contacting you today to ask [Senator \_\_\_\_\_] to include bipartisan legislation to protect the census in the next COVID relief bill. The U.S. Census plays a critical role in our democracy. The White House is trying to undermine the count to advance short-term political goals. Congress must step in to safeguard our democracy and protect the U.S. Census by adding language to the COVID relief bill to ensure the Census is taken accurately during the pandemic. Thank you!"*

Thank you for whatever you can do to ensure that all U.S. residents are counted!