



Let's Get Counted! Census Activities

Your voice is important and it's time to be counted in the U.S. Census. Below are some ways you can create a family celebration around filling out the 2020 Census.

- ❖ The Census comes around only once every ten years. On the day that your family turns in your 2020 Census form, you can celebrate the occasion by creating a "Census Time Capsule." You can use a shoe box, lunch box, or other container. Fill your Census Time Capsule with things that represent your everyday life in the past year. Invite everyone in your family to put in at least one item. Be sure and include a drawing or photo of your family. Seal your time capsule with tape and put a "*Do Not Open Before the 2030 Census*" note on the front of your Census Time Capsule. Store it in a secure location where it won't be disturbed.
- ❖ Celebrate being counted by creating original artwork for your driveway, walk, front door or social media channels that announces to the world that you've been counted in the 2020 Census. Get creative! You can use chalk, markers, pens, charcoal, photos, or a video. I'd love to celebrate with you. If you post on social media, please use the hashtags #IAmCountedwithJo, #Census2020 #MoreThanACount and #CountMeIn.
- ❖ Being counted in the 2020 Census helps your state and your community. Plan a "Census Celebration Night" for the people in your family with a menu featuring food items that your state is known for. I grew up in Mississippi and live in South Carolina and my "Census Celebration Night" menu includes pimento cheese, devilled eggs, and barbeque, with peach cobbler for dessert. Wherever your state, plan a menu that celebrates the foods that make it special. You can find other Southern food ideas and recipes here:

[Book Club Menu](#)

- ❖ On the day that your family completes the 2020 Census, if it's safe for you to be outside, go on a family outing to a public park or library. Being counted in the 2020 Census helps bring money into your community and that makes community resources such as public parks and libraries possible.

- ❖ Use the link below to print out a coloring page/picture frame you can use to celebrate being counted in the U.S. Census. Please be sure and include a drawing or photo of everyone in your household.

[Coloring Page](#)

- ❖ Print off the “Count Me In” badge to share with friends and family members to encourage them to participate in the 2020 Census. Please print out one badge for each person in the household to make sure that everyone is counted. Once you’ve been counted in the 2020 Census, you can print off the “I’ve Been Counted” badge to celebrate that you are now officially included in the 2020 Census count. You can post it on social media using the hashtags #IAmCountedwithJo, #Census2020 #MoreThanACount and #CountMeIn and tagging me @JoHackl in your photos so I can celebrate with you!

[Count Me In Badge](#)

[I’ve Been Counted Badge](#)