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## One Year Out – The 2020 Census

**(Woodland, CA)** – The 2020 Census officially starts a year from now, on April 1, 2020, and Yolo County asks all residents to be a part of the count and help shape the future.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that every ten years the federal government count every person living in the United States. The results help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed and how the 435 seats in Congress are reallocated. Census data is also used to:

- Support emergency response services
- Direct services to children and adults with limited English ability
- Plan for transportation, such as where to put stop signs or widen roads
- Draw school boundaries
- Attract new businesses
- Design urban land use and rural areas
- Spot economic well-being trends
- Apply for grants to support programs and services
- Plan for nursing homes, clinics and other health services
- Determine areas eligible for housing assistance
- Shape tax policy
- And more

“Everyone counts, everyone matters,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Don Saylor. “Over the years, census data has been used for many purposes, including allocation of funds to address needs such as health care, economic development, anti-poverty efforts and transportation infrastructure. The census is an important tool to provide our communities with the resources they need in order to thrive.”

The 2020 Census will be the first time residents will be able to participate by phone, mail or online. Specific responses will be aggregated to produce statistics and will not be shared with the FBI, CIA, Department of Homeland Security or ICE. Violating Title 13 is a federal crime with a punishment of a prison sentence of up to five years and/or a fine of up to \$250,000. In addition, census staff take a lifelong oath to protect the data.

“To educate, motivate and activate residents, throughout this next year we plan on sharing information about the 2020 Census through a variety of mediums, including public events, community meetings and social media platforms,” said Yolo County’s Communications Coordinator Jenny Tan.

For more information about the 2020 Census, visit the state of California’s website at: [www.census.ca.gov](http://www.census.ca.gov) or the Census Bureau’s website at: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

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