

Your 2020 Census

Guide for LGBTQI community

Why should I participate in the census?

Los Angeles has one of the [highest percentages](#) of people who identify as part of the LGBTQI community in Los Angeles. If the LGBTQI community is not counted accurately, there will be less money for critical services and programs that serve the LGBTQI community, including community health centers, foster care, and homeless services. You matter and deserve to be counted.

What does the census ask about gender and sexual orientation?

The census survey includes a direct question to determine the sex of each person in a household, but it does not include questions about gender identity or sexual orientation. For the first time, it asks couples who live in the same household whether they are "same-sex" or "opposite sex" married or unmarried spouses/partners.

Who needs to be counted?

Regardless of their age, relationship or citizenship and immigration status, everyone who lives in your household should be counted, including same or opposite sex partners, foster children, adopted children, and anyone who resides there most of the time on April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

What happens if I do not, or cannot, answer every question on the survey?

You will still be counted if you don't, or can't, answer every question. However, we encourage you to answer as many questions as accurately as possible to ensure your data is correct. When questions are left blank, the U.S. Census Bureau will try to fill in your missing information with data from secondary-administrative or third-party sources.

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