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2020 Census

The once-every-10-years 2020 Census is underway. It counts the number of people living in the US. Census forms were sent to every household starting in early March. They are sent to "The Household of" each address. Please note, if you are renting, it is for you, not the owner of the unit. It is vitally important that everyone, including every Asian American be counted, whether a citizen, permanent resident, new immigrant, student, here on a work visa or undocumented. You will be asked a few simple questions like age, sex, number of people living in the home, including children, whether you are renting or own your home. You are not asked for your social security number, citizenship status, bank or credit card number or political party affiliation. The census responses are safe, secure, and protected by federal law to be used to distribute federal funds to local communities to support schools, clinics road repair/building and other community programs. They are not used by other federal agencies like FBI, CIA, DHS (Department of Homeland Security) or ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

You can answer the questionnaire on paper and send by mail, on-line at <https://my2020census.gov/> or by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) in English, [844-391-2020](tel:844-391-2020) in Mandarin Chinese or [844-398-2020](tel:844-398-2020) or in Cantonese www.2020census.gov. If your census is not completed by late May, a census taker will knock on your door to help you answer the questionnaire. If you are not home, he/she will return again and again until the questionnaire is answered.

If you would like to help by becoming a part-time census taker going door to door, there are paid jobs available. Apply at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.%20.html#2020CensusJobs#ApplyOnline>. Language proficiencies other than English is valued. Several OCA members have already signed up to be census takers.

For additional info about the census, see www.2020census.gov in English

<https://www.2020census.gov/zh-hans.html> in simplified Chinese or
<https://www.2020census.gov/zh-hant.html> in traditional Chinese.

Please share this info with your friends and family. It is important that the Asian community be counted accurately to receive our share of social and health and other services for our communities. Not answering the census means undercounting and receiving less representation and fewer resources allocated.

Contact us at officers@ocaafc.org if you have any questions. We are fluent in several languages including Chinese and Spanish.



Census 2020 Community Call (#AAPI2020)

The first Census Community Call occurred on February 20, 2020 for Asian American & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) organizations and volunteers. These planning calls are scheduled to provide direct flow of important updates, an opportunity to talk through our progress, best practices and how we can support each other.

1. Tuesday, March 31 @ 8pm - **Census Language Outreach**. For assistance in completing the Census survey. Translations in different languages. Please email: mriam6yeung@gmail.com and specify your language preference.
2. Wednesday, April 1 @ 8pm - Census Day of Action, **Census Hotline**. To answer general questions about the Census.

Please email: miriam6yeung@gmail.com for specific questions.

Census 2020

You should have received instructions for completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online. If you haven't, please use your Census ID that was given to you. If the Census Bureau does not receive your response online, then a paper questionnaire will be mailed to your address in a few weeks.

OCA-FC is awarded a Census 2020 Minigrant

On March 12, 2020, OCA National announced the recipient of a \$1,000 Census 2020 Minigrant to OCA-FC, Fairfield County, CT. The funds will be used to conduct 2020 Census outreach, through email, flyers, etc.

National Quarterly OCA Board Meeting will move to a video conference

Due to health concerns around the COVID-19 and based on guidance from the CDC and other public health officials, the April 4-5, 2020 National Quarterly OCA Board Meeting scheduled in Philadelphia, PA will move a Zoom video conference.

COVID-19 Hate Crimes

Because of Asian stigmatizing due to the COVID-19 outbreak, OCA released a March 18 Press Release and a March 23 Organizational Sign-On with 162 organizations who have already signed on.