Census Scenario Quiz: What is the best response?



1. Not a citizen, unsure about safety of answer.

- A. Your information is private, except for the citizenship aspect of the Census form. Be sure to proceed with caution when filling out the form.
- B. Your information is not private, but you should still try to fill out the form as much as possible. Your response to the census is key for us and our community to receive the funding and resources that we need.
- C. Your information is private and it is against the law for anyone with access to your information to share it. Your response to the census is key for us and our community to receive the funding and resources that we need.
- D. Your information is open to the public due to the necessity involved in creating Census statistics. However, we recommend you fill out the form as much as possible.

2. They don't think the census is important.

- A. Filling out the census means you will have the opportunity to notify the government that you are here and it will influence your future to be thoroughly represented by public officials!
- B. The census will determine what resources we can lose and gain. The census is important to me because...How about you, what issues are important to you?
- C. Filling out this form means you are exercising your voice and power as a resident of your community and nation. Your voice matters!
- D. All of the above

3. They don't have access to a computer.

- A. You can call. The 2020 Census has officially omitted paper forms. For computer access, you can also check with a local community-based organization, community center, or library to see if they can offer assistance or access to a computer.
- B. There is no online form available. This is to ensure that there are no duplicate entries. The two main options are calling or paper form. All households will receive the paper form April 8-16.
- C. The only other option is the paper form. Households that have not responded will receive the paper form April 8-16. You can also check with a local community-based organization, community center, or library to see if they can offer assistance or access to a computer.
- D. You can call or fill out the paper form. Households that have not responded will receive the paper form April 8-16. You can also check with a local community-based organization, community center, or library to see if they can offer assistance or access to a computer.

4. What if I cannot read?

- A. You can complete the form through a phone call.
- B. The U.S. Census Bureau can have the form translated into a language that is more understandable for you.
- C. You will have to have someone fill out the form for you.
- D. All of the above

5. They have a physical disability and they cannot fill it out.

- A. This count will have to be completed in a separate form on the Census website. However, you can still complete it on Census Day (April 1).
- B. Anyone can fill out the form for you.
- C. You can only participate over the phone. You can ask someone for assistance through the phone process.
- D. You can still participate over the phone or online with accessible technology. You can also ask a family member or friend for assistance with filling out the form.

6. They have a developmental disability and do not have the mental capacity to fill it out.

- A. Due to the privacy regulation, they will be not be counted through group quarters. It is important that family and friends remain support systems in filling out the Census form at home.
- B. If they are in an institution, they will be counted through group quarters.
- C. Whoever is completing the census form for the household should include the individual.
- D. Both B and C

7. They do not speak one of the languages the census is translated into.

- A. The Census Bureau has translated the form into Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, and French. If your language is not available, you are welcome to make a phone call to the Census hotline to complete the form.
- B. There are 30 languages available on the Census Bureau form. If your language is not available, you are welcome to make a phone call to the Census hotline to complete the form.
- C. Languages are only translated through the online form. The paper form will only be available in Spanish and English. Phone calls will strictly be in Spanish and English as well.
- D. You can ask a friend or family member to translate for you, but you must complete the form yourself or go to Census Assistance Center

8. They thought they had filled it out, but cannot remember (aka I'm not sure/ Don't know).

- A. If you are not sure, do not use your household ID. You can fill out the form online or via phone with a non-household ID.
- B. If you are not sure, use a different form of application. For example, if you filled it out through online form the initial time and forgot, you can fill out the paper form.
- C. If you are not sure, be sure to use your household ID. You can fill out the form online or via phone with a non-household ID.
- D. None of the above

9. Someone in our household already filled it out, but they did not include everyone in the household.

- A. If you forgot someone, have them fill out a non-ID response.
- B. If you are not sure, use a different form of application. For example, if you filled it out through online form the initial time and forgot, you can fill out the paper form.
- C. If you are not sure, be sure to use your household ID. You can fill out the form online or via phone with a non-household ID.
- D. None of the above

10. How is race captured on the Census form?

- A. The Census does not capture specific ethnic data.
- B. If you identify more with your religion, you can list that as your race.
- C. You can only choose one race, so choose which race is more prevalent in your genetic background.
- D. There are multiple ways to indicate your racial background depending on which races you identify as.

11. If I am multiracial, how do I note that on the census?

- A. You can only choose one race, so choose which race represents you best.
- B. You can only choose one race, so choose which race is more prevalent in your genetic background.
- C. There is a separate section for multiracial individuals to indicate their ethnicities.
- D. You can indicate what your racial background is by checking multiple boxes and writing in responses.

12. If I identify as Middle Eastern and/or North African population, how do I complete the racial question on the census?

- A. Skip the question.
- B. The 2020 Census includes a separate race category for Middle Eastern and North African, check that specific checkbox.
- C. Check off White" to also write in their "origins." Among the suggested answers are examples of two of the largest Middle Eastern and North African nationality groups in the U.S. "Lebanese" and "Egyptian.
- D. Check the specific ethnicity categories under Middle Eastern and North African

13. I am thinking of not marking myself as Chinese or providing any disaggregated data.

- A. Mark yourself as Asian if that is how you identify.
- B. Provide and note your specific Asian identity (e.g. Korean) since this allows identification and trends of different health, education, economic and other issues within Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. With this data we can address the needs of these communities.
- C. By providing ethnic specific data, we can benefit from the growth of our communities and address their needs. In the 1900 Census, the questionnaire offered five categories: White, Black, Chinese, Japanese, and American Indian. By the 1980 census, the race question offered nine AANHPI subgroup check-off boxes and space to write-in a different subgroup rather than an umbrella term.
- D. All of the above.

14. Does Census collect data on LGBTQ communities?

- A. Yes, because every ten years there are questions about sexual orientation.
- B. Yes, because it is the best way to gather data on the LGBTQ community.
- C. No, the Census has never collected data on the LGBTQ community and will not likely to do so in the next Census count.
- D. Yes, in a limited way. The 2020 Census will ask a question about same-sex relationships.

15. What if I do not identify with one gender or the other?

- A. The census form has changed and you will be able to write in your own gender identity.
- B. Unfortunately, the census is still gender binary. Please fill it out the best you can so that you can be counted.
- C. Historically people have skipped questions and still been counted.
- D. Both B & C.

16. I don't have a permanent address.

- A. Your permanent address validates your Census count. If you do not have a valid permanent address, the Census will not count you.
- B. You can fill out the form with your current address of residence on Census Day (April 1).
- C. You can fill out the address wherever you are on Census Day (April 1). You can even list an address like a library or other location.
- D. None of the above

17. They are traveling for the next 6 months.

- A. Please fill out the form with your travel address and return date.
- B. Please fill out the form with your travel address as well as your U.S. address.
- C. Please fill out the form with the address at your current location.
- D. Please fill out the address where you reside most of the time.

18. They are moving before the end of the year.

- A. Please fill out the form with your new address and previous address.
- B. Please fill out the form with your new address.
- C. Use the address where you are on Census Day (April 1).
- D. Please fill out the address of the house you would like to buy someday.

19. They are divorced and have shared custody of their children. (Unsure who should count them.)

- A. Be sure to list the children in the household they are living in on Census Day (April 1).
- B. Be sure to list all children over 2 years old in the household they are living in on Census Day (April 1).
- C. If you are divorced, you and your previous partner can fill out the forms for the children separately. The Census will take into account the custody arrangement.
- D. None of the above

20. I have a student who is in college. Should my child be counted at home or at school?

- A. Complete the form on Census Day (April 1) with your permanent address. For example, your current home address that you normally put for your general information.
- B. Fill out the address wherever you are living on Census Day (April 1). For example, if you are living on campus in a dorm on Census Day, that is where you should be counted.
- C. You fill out the form at any location.
- D. All of the above

21. I live in a boarding school. Should I be counted here or at home with my parents/guardian?

- A. You should be counted with your parents/guardian if you are attending below the college level
- B. You should be counted both at school and at home.
- C. You should be counted at your boarding school.
- D. None of the above.

22. I am pregnant. Should I count my baby?

- A. Congratulations! Unless your baby is born on or before Census Day (April 1), you cannot count your child.
- B. Congratulations! If you are 6 months pregnant or longer, you can indicate on the Census form as one child.
- C. Congratulations! If you are 3 months pregnant or longer, you can indicate on the Census form as one child.
- D. None of the above

23. My mother visits with me for part of the year from abroad. Should she be counted if she is living with me on April 1?

- A. She should not be counted with you.
- B. She should be counted if she is living with you on April 1.
- C. She should be counted if she has lived with you for at least 6 months + 1 day.
- D. She should be counted if she has lived with you for at least 1 year.

24. I live in a nursing home. How can I make sure I am counted correctly?

- A. You will have to fill out your own form using your current nursing home address.
- B. You will be counted through group quarters.
- C. You will not be counted.
- D. None of the above

25. There are a few restaurant workers who live in the back room of a restaurant. How would they be counted?

- A. Census forms are sent to households and not places of business. They would be considered homeless and the Area Census Office would take steps to count them.
- B. They should be counted at the address where they reside.
- C. They should be counted as part of the owner's household.
- D. They should not be counted.

26. They are incarcerated/a member of their household is incarcerated/they have a felony on their record and do not know if they can fill it out.

- A. Incarcerated individuals are always counted in the decennial Census.
- B. Anyone incarcerated will be counted through group quarters.
- C. Even if you have a felony, you will still be counted.
- D. All of the above

27. I am a U.S. military personnel living in military barracks in the U.S.

- A. You will be counted through group quarters at the military barracks.
- B. You will have to fill out the Census based on your permanent address.
- C. As a U.S. military personnel, you must fill out the form at the location of your residence during your term.
- D. None of the above.

28. I am a U.S. military personnel on U.S. military vessels with a U.S. homeport.

- A. You will be counted at the military barracks.
- B. You will be counted through group quarters at your onshore residence. If you have no residence, you can be counted at your vessel's homeport.
- C. You will be counted at your permanent residence when you fill out the form on Census Day (April 1).
- D. You must fill out your own form at the onshore residence.

29. I want to provide my tablet or laptop to assist individuals in completing the census. Will they accept multiple completed census forms online if it is coming from the same IP address?

- A. They will accept multiple census form submissions but only from public used devices such as a library computer.
- B. Only one census form can be completed online per computer.
- C. Only 20 census forms can be completed online per computer.
- D. Multiple census forms can be completed online from one computer. For example many individuals will rely on computers provided by the libraries to complete the census form for their household.