



Khutbah Talking Points: Encouraging Community to Participate in the 2020 Decennial Census

- The Census is an opportunity that arises every 10 years for representation and accountability.
- The last day for self reporting is on September 30th before Census agents start knocking on doors.
- Filling out the Census is **mandatory** by law.
- The Census is safe, completely confidential, and protected by federal law.
- The Census obtains reliable statistics on demographics, and America's diversity which is why it remains important to participate so that your voice and needs are accounted for
- The Census determines the allocation of \$675 billion in federal funds to your state and local communities.
- The allocation of these federal funds are used for social services, education, infrastructure, healthcare, schools, hospitals, roads, etc.
- Federal funds also create new jobs, provides housing, and helps your state to prepare for emergencies.
- Everyone **must** participate, whether you are documented or undocumented. The Census does not ask questions about immigration status.
- Census data is used for research to help address issues of economic inequality, poverty, academic research, and policy proposals.
- Census data determines how many seats each state gets in the House of Representatives.
- Census data can determine the redrawing of district maps affecting elections and school districts.
- New York City lost a few seats in Congress in the 2010 Census due to low participation in the Census.
- It only takes 10 minutes to complete. You can fill out by phone, mail, or online at 2020Census.gov.