10 things you should know about the 2020 Census*

1. Everyone who lives in the United States is required to complete the census every 10 years to determine population by state.

2. An accurate population count determines how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives, and congressional and state legislative district boundaries are redrawn based on population shifts.

3. Census data determine how more than $675 billion in federal dollars are distributed among states for critical state, regional and local programs, from transportation to school lunch programs.

4. Every person in a household should be counted, including babies and young children. Each person is counted once.

5. If you live in two states, you should count yourself in the state where you live at least six months and one day.

6. If you are a college student, you should count yourself in the state where you attend college since you reside there for at least six months and one day.

7. The 2020 Census can be completed online, and forms will be mobile phone accessible.

8. By law, personal information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies or to determine eligibility of government benefits. Answers can only be used to produce statistics.

9. Census data is used by businesses, local governments, real estate developers and residents to make important decisions that affect job creation, safety and overall quality of life.

10. The 2020 Census forms should be completed and submitted by April 1, 2020. Census officials will only knock on doors of people who have not completed their forms by then.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Pima Association of Governments is conducting a regional awareness campaign for the 2020 Census. Census day is April 1, 2020. For more information about the census, please visit www.PAGregion.com/census