



Jewish Federation
OF DELAWARE

Jewish Community
Relations Committee

April 1, 2020 is Census Day, when we will all be called upon to fulfill our legal duty to be counted.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Jewish Federation of Delaware and our Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), recognize the importance of an accurate census and encourage members of our Jewish community to participate in the 2020 Census.

An accurate census count of Delaware is vitally important to our collective future. Census data:

- **Guides local decision-makers in important community planning efforts**, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools and establish more services for families, older adults and children.
- **Inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated** to more than 100 programs in the U.S, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.
- **Affects our voices in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have** in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It is estimated that the economic impact on Delaware could be \$10 million per year of lost funding for critical services, or over \$100 million of lost funding for critical services this past decade*.

We all need to stand up and be counted on April 1st. In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. This time, there will be three options for responding: Online, by phone, by mail. The ability to respond online will ensure privacy and security.

We encourage all members of the community to fill out the census and urge their friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to do so as well. The First State will benefit from an accurate count.

*Source: Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement (DANA)