Census 2020 SW Washington Census Coalition

"Every Shade Counts"

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SW Washington Census Coalition: Clark County

- SWWA LULAC
- Clark County Latino Youth Conf
- Latino Community Resource Group
- Vancouver NAACP
- Outreach is towards hard to count population: immigrants, Latinx, and black communities
- Effective public education campaign that is culturally responsive and relevant in Clark County

Census efforts to engage hard to reach communities with youth efforts

- Our goal: is to educate and help reduce the fear and mistrust in filling out the census forms
- Having conversations in our communities as to why it's important to be counted
- partner up with other local events, Latino businesses, schools, organizations and churches
- Census Workshops: educate and inform the importance of census and the key changes
- Informational booths: provide information and resources to the Latino community
- Advertisement: census videos, Local Latino TV channel, radios, and news magazine

Why does our outreach matter?

- Immigrants, Latinx, and black communities have been historically undercounted in the census
- African-American households
- 2010 Census undercounted the African-American population by more than 800,000.
- 7 percent of young African-American children were overlooked by the 2010 Census (roughly twice the rate for young non-Hispanic White children.)
- More than one in three African Americans live in hard-to-count census tracts.

Why does our outreach matter?

- <u>Latinx household</u>
- There are 56.5 million Latinos living in the United States, roughly one in three live in hard-to-count census tracts.
- Latinos are already the nation's largest racial or ethnic minority group, accounting for 18 percent of the U.S. population
- Latino children in particular are among the most undercounted populations in the United States.
- Census 2010 missed more than 400,000 very young Latino children
- The 2010 net undercount rate for very young Latino children was 7.1 percent, compared to 4.3 percent for non-Latinos.

Why is the black community undercounted?

- African Household
- Poverty: one in four African Americans lives in poverty (24 percent)
- exceeding the national poverty rate of 13 percent.
- Housing Insecurity: Individuals and families who rent are undercounted at higher rates than homeowners.
- The majority (58 percent) of African-American households rent their homes

Why is the Latinx population undercounted?

- **Poverty:** Hispanics have an official poverty rate of 21 percent, (higher than the official U.S. poverty rate of 13 percent.)
- Immigrant Status: More than a third of Latinos (34 percent) are foreign-born.
- Fear and mistrust of the government reduce participation among immigrant communities
- Latino respondents do not realize that children are meant to be included in the census
- Some Latino respondents are reluctant to respond to the census, and include their children
- Official race and ethnicity questions need to accurately reflect the Latino community.

People experiencing homelessness

- People experiencing homelessness live in a variety of situations
- such as temporarily staying with family or friends
- living outside or living at a shelter.
- The 2020 Census has procedures to count people living in all of these situations.

People experiencing homelessness

- The Census works with local groups to identify outdoor and other locations where people are known to sleep
- . Census takers will count people in person at these
- identified locations on April 1, 2020 (Census Day).
- Example:
- Outdoor: parks, beach areas, tent cities, alleys, under highway systems, subway stations,, gas stations.
- indoor all-night businesses such as movie theaters, 24-hour laundromats, and casinos.

The 2020 Census counts people at service locations.

- Between March 30 and April 1, 2020, the census will count people at the following locations:
- **Emergency and Transitional Shelter:** Shelters with sleeping facilities: people to stay overnight
- Soup Kitchens
- Regularly Scheduled Mobile Food Vans
- Stops where such vans distribute meals.

complete and accurate count at their locations.

- Census works with service providers to get a complete count at their locations.
- The service providers can decide how people at the location should be counted:
- In-person interview: Using a paper questionnaire, a census taker interviews each person served a meal or staying at the facility.
- records: shelters may opt to provide census workers with a paper

Impact of not being counted accurately

- Census Shapes the future of our community and define our voice in Congress
- political boundaries may not accurately reflect reality.
- being denied a full voice in policy decision-making
- impacts how federal funding is distributed to states and localities, impact on certain federal program that impact all of us
- Such as: