

# Census 2020 Newsletter

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## EXTRA, EXTRA! We need your info!

Each chapter received a Census 2020 Maryland Be Counted Kit in September from the Maryland Census 2020 Be Counted committee. The committee is now working on publishing a Maryland Be Counted newsletter. We will publish a monthly newsletter beginning in November 2019. The newsletter will highlight key information from Maryland Census 2020 and activities from Maryland's Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Chapters.

Chapters who would like to submit a Census 2020 Be Counted article and picture for print consideration, highlighting your chapter's Census 2020 activity or program should submit your chapter article to [drcher80@gmail.com](mailto:drcher80@gmail.com) and [delisaprater@comcast.net](mailto:delisaprater@comcast.net).

Articles should be 75 words or less. Articles need to be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month to be considered for next month's issue.  
**November edition articles must be submitted by October 21, 2019.**



## Why is the Census Important?

The principal reason for the Census is to determine how many members of the House of Representatives each state will receive for the next decade (called reapportionment), as well as to determine each state's electoral college strength. Additionally, most states use Census

numbers to draw their state and local electoral district lines through a process called redistricting. Census data is also used to distribute over \$700 Billion in federal funds to states for roads, bridges, Title I School Funding, Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP benefits, and more.

Federal funding to states for hundreds of programs is directly linked to the decennial Census count. If our communities do not complete the decennial Census, they will be underfunded and underrepresented for the ensuing 10 years.

## Become a Census taker!

Help ensure your community gets counted in the 2020 Census by joining the U.S. Census Bureau team. Visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs> and apply today!



## Lights, Camera, Action: Chapter Census 2020 News

### Complete Count Committee Work

Soror Sonya Whited of **Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter** is the co-chair for the Wicomico County-City of Salisbury CCC. Proclamations from both the county and the city in August kicked off the committee activities that have included information tables at local events and a presentation with a local ministerial council. With her established relationships with MD and US Census partnership specialists through work with the CCC, she will be leading collaborations and efforts in the chapter service area that includes Somerset and Worcester counties.



From left to right Iulia Glanz, City Administrator - City of Salisbury; Mayor Jacob Day, Mayor of City of Salisbury; Sonya Whited, Co-Chair of Wicomico County-City of Salisbury CCC; Dr. Brante Dashiell, Co-Chair of Wicomico County-City of Salisbury CCC; Lori Carter, Director of Planning, Zoning and Community Development for Wicomico County; County Executive Bob Culver, County Executive of Wicomico County

### Census 2020 Be Counted Community Chat

**Frederick County Alumnae Chapter**, held a Census 2020 Be Counted Community Chat on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The chat was held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Frederick, Maryland. There were 25 people in attendance. The Census 2020 Be Counted community chat speakers were Ashaduntae Kemp and Terry Fisher both Partnership Specialist U.S. Census Bureau and Melanie Cox, Frederick County, Maryland Complete Count Committee member. The speakers discussed many issues including the importance of being counted, employment opportunities with the Census, how 2020 Census provides opportunity for everyone to be counted, undercounted communities and the Frederick Complete Count Committee activities.



### ***Census 2020 Chapter Nugget:***

Inform your local communities on the importance of the Census and that they will be asked to complete it online for the first time. Inform them about full and part-time temporary employment opportunities with the Census. Work with your Social Action Committee to have Census Taskforce to monitor the latest news about the Census and the Complete Count Committees in your local area. We all have a vested interest in having a complete, accurate census.

### ***Maryland Department of Planning Distributes \$5 Million for Census Outreach***

The Maryland Department of Planning announced Tuesday, October 9, 2019, it has distributed \$5 million in funding across the state to support the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census Grant Program Panel was established and funded following the passage of Senate Bill 855.

"I appreciate the input and feedback from the CCC members as we worked together to provide this funding to further support our Census outreach effort to provide a full and accurate count of every Marylander," said Planning Secretary Rob McCord. "By allocating this funding in every corner of Maryland, we are continuing our unprecedented commitment to get everyone counted on Census Day, April 1, 2020."

With a total of \$5 million available for Census grants, the funds are being allocated as part of the overall state effort to ensure an accurate, complete, fair, and inclusive count.

#### **Recipients include:**

Allegany County \$20,000, Anne Arundel County \$45,000, Baltimore County \$250,000, Calvert County \$20,000, Caroline County \$20,000, Carroll County \$40,000, Cecil County \$20,000, Charles County \$20,000, City of College Park \$34,385, City of Greenbelt \$15,000, City of Seat Pleasant \$18,636, Dorchester County \$20,000, Frederick County \$80,000, Garrett County \$20,000, Harford County \$133,310, Howard County \$150,240, Kent County \$20,000, Montgomery County \$581,700, Prince George's County \$244,208, Queen Anne's County \$20,000, Somerset County \$20,000, St. Mary's County \$20,000, Talbot County \$20,000, Town of Forest Heights \$59,000, Washington County \$20,000, Wicomico County \$20,000, Worcester County \$20,000

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### ***Article Submission Due Dates:***

*October 21, 2019  
November 2, 2019  
December 7, 2019  
January 4, 2020  
February 1, 2020  
March 7, 2020  
April 4, 2020*

### ***Maryland Chapter Hashtags for Census 2020 Activities:***

**#MDDSTsaysbecounted  
#Census2020**