



Please Make Chester Count!

In 2020, the U.S. must count everyone in the country, it is called the U.S. Census. This is different from the Annual Municipal Census. By the time you are reading this, you should have received the Annual Municipal census and be returning it to the Town Clerk. You will get a notice about the U.S. Census in early March and reminders over the following month. When you get the notice, please go online to fill out the U.S. Census.

The U.S. Census will decide how much state and federal dollars are sent to our area for a wide range of programs. Some of the programs that use Census data include:

- School Funding, Head Start
- Mass Health, Medicare & Medicaid
- Fuel Assistance
- Road Assistance, Public Works projects

In addition to funding, the U.S. Census is used to determine Chester's representatives in Congress and the Massachusetts legislature.

If you do not fill out the U.S. Census, these programs could lose money in our area (approximately \$2,300.00 per person) and we can lose seats in Congress and the Massachusetts Legislature. We need you to be counted!

The U.S. Census needs to be completed for everyone living in your home on April 1, 2020. This includes newborns and all other children, and anyone who lives there even if they are not related to you, such as a roommate or partner.

The U.S. Census is completely confidential and no personal information submitted is shared with any other government agency.

This U.S. Census will be online for the first time. If you do not feel comfortable with the online survey and do not respond to it, a paper survey will be sent to you in the mail in early April that you can use instead.