

SUNCOAST Weekly Census 2020 Education Network Update



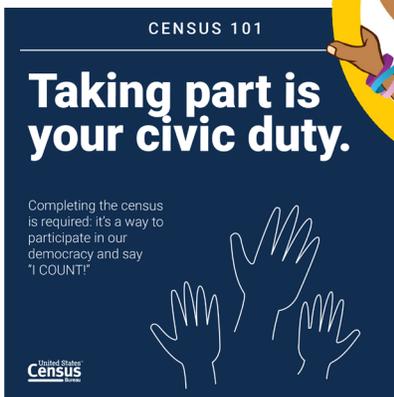
The Patterson Foundation is engaging in the Census 2020 Education project with the hope to more closely align community efforts and knowledge across Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. You were identified as a community advocate for achieving a complete count during Census 2020. Please feel free to share this newsletter.

The Census, Civic Duty, and YOU!

This week, we hope you'll consider how critical your participation (and the participation of everyone you know) is in Census 2020. Often, when we think of civic duty, voting is top of mind. But with the census being a once-in-a-decade chance to ensure our communities have everything from accurate representation in Congress to healthcare, education, and bridge funding, it's essential that our communities participate.

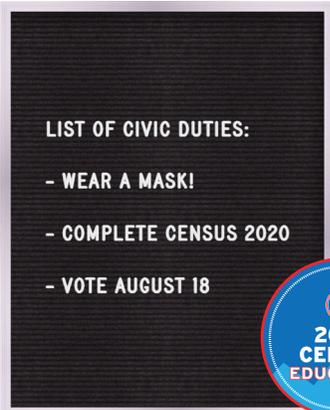
Read the latest guest column by Manatee County Supervisor of Elections Mike Bennett: [Census essential for people who care about their community.](#)

Dr. Lisa Merritt from the Multicultural Health Institute has been helping get the census message out to families in low response areas of Sarasota. Remember, there's tons of free resources available. We've also attached a special [coloring sheet](#) featuring the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading's wonder girl, Rita Story, to download and for sharing.



Possible Census Funding in HEALS Act

Dubbed the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools (HEALS) Act, the long-anticipated bill is now the starting point for negotiations between Congress and the president. The bill includes \$448 million for field operations and data processing for the 2020 Census.



Stats Update!

Charlotte Response Rate: 61.5%
DeSoto Response Rate: 45%
Manatee Response Rate: 56.5%
Sarasota Response Rate: 62.7%

Share

Do you have a resource or idea to share with the community? Send Census 2020 ideas to hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org to be included in a future weekly update.



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