

# BE COUNTED MICHIGAN 2020

## Berrien County FACT SHEET

Berrien County Population 2010 Census	156,813
Census Bureau Projects Berrien County Response Rate	80.9%
Undercount Risk Population	29,577
Potential <b>annual</b> impact in Berrien County <sup>1</sup>	\$44 million
Potential impact in Berrien County in 10-year census period <sup>1</sup>	\$440 million
Census-Based Funding in Michigan per person <b>annually</b> <sup>2</sup>	\$1,800

Census-based funding includes:

- Infrastructure (highways, roads, bridges)
- Education (Title I, IDEA, Headstart)
- Housing (Section 8)
- Medicare, Medicaid, Health Centers
- School Lunches, SNAP, WIC
- Children (Child Care, S-CHIP, Foster Care)
- Transportation

Census data is used for redistricting:

- Apportioning seats to the U.S. House of Representatives
- Redistricting for state representatives
- Electoral college votes
- School district assignment areas

Census data is used for identifying population shifts and demographics based on age, race and ethnicity which can impact businesses choosing to locate in an area

Hard-to-Count Populations:

- People of color
- Immigrants
- Children under 5
- Low-income households
- Homeless individuals
- Highly mobile individuals – students and young people
- People with limited Internet access

<sup>1</sup>Source: Calculated based on The George Washington University Institute of Policy's Counting for Dollars – Michigan (16 Large Federal Assistance Programs that Distribute Funds on Basis of Decennial Census-Derived Statistics)

<sup>2</sup>Michigan estimate of Census-Based per capita funds distribution – includes more than 16 largest programs

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**Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) is leading a statewide initiative for a complete count in Michigan.** Berrien Community Foundation is the Hub Coordinator for Berrien County. Mini-Grant applications will be available for nonprofit organizations who can reach the Hard-to-Count populations. For more information on mini-grants, contact Kathy at 269.266.9062.

**What is the decennial Census?** Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a Census to determine the number of people living in the United States.

**Who is counted in the Census?** The Census counts everyone who is living in the U.S. – regardless of citizenship or age.

**What if I don't complete the Census form?** Households not completing the Census form may be called or visited by a representative from the US Census Bureau.

**What questions will be asked on the Census?** Name, age, date of birth, sex, Hispanic origin, race, whether a person lives or stays somewhere else, relationship, homeownership status, and possibly citizenship status (June 2019 Supreme Court ruling expected).

**Languages** The Internet questionnaire and assistance will be available in 12 non-English languages including Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, and Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Japanese. Language glossaries and guides will be available in 59 Non-English languages.

**Is information taken by the Census private?** Information given on the Census form is confidential. By law, census information is not shared with any other government agency. Census workers take an oath to protect the privacy of respondents and face jail time and/or heavy fines if they violate that oath.

**Do I have to have a computer to complete the Census?** No. You may complete the Census online or by phone. If you prefer a paper form, you may request one. If a completed survey is not received after several reminders, a paper form will be mailed to the home. If the form is not completed, then a Census worker will be asked to visit the household to complete the form.

**What if the household identification code is lost or not available at a nonprofit event?** Each household will receive a unique ID code for completing the Census form. However, if the code is misplaced, a household resident may submit the information via Internet or phone using a complete physical address. The unique ID is accepted only once. The Census Bureau will validate the address if a code is not used.

**Will the Census form be sent to P.O. Boxes?** No. Households without a physical address will not receive a questionnaire by mail. A Census worker will deliver census information in person.

**National Census Count Day  
April 1, 2020**

Census Household Mailing Begins 3.13.20