



Census 2020 – It is Important to Make Walton County / City of Freeport COUNT

As of the 2010 Census, Walton County has grown tremendously. In 2010, the Walton County population as determined by the Census was 55,043. US Census population estimates now have Walton County at approximately 74,071. According to US News and World Reports, as of April 2019, Walton County was the 1st fastest growing county in Florida and the 5th fastest growing county in the United States by percentage growth between 2017 and 2018. With this population growth, it is of crucial importance that as many Walton County / City of Freeport residents complete the Census as possible.

Why is the Census important to Walton County / City of Freeport?

That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community.

How does the Census direct potential federal funding to Walton County / City of Freeport?

Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. Funding is allocated to more than 100 programs, including:

- Medicaid
- Head Start
- Block grants for community mental health services
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

How does the Census determine legislative representation?

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Who should be counted in the Census?

You should be counted where you were living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1, 2020. If you are responding for your home, count everyone who was living and sleeping there most of the time as of April 1, 2020. This includes young children, foster children, roommates, and any family members or friends who are living with you, even temporarily.

Where does Walton County stand in the Census?

Currently, Walton County has only seen approximately 29.6% of our population complete the Census. This places Walton County 63rd out of 67 Florida counties. We are urging every household to please take the time to respond to this most important count.

How can I make sure that I count?

- Respond Online - <https://my2020census.gov/>
- Respond via Phone – You have the option of completing the questionnaire by phone. Call 844-330-2020.
- Respond by Mail - In mid-April, the Census Bureau began mailing paper questionnaires to homes that have not yet responded online or by phone.