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**Birmingham Residents Encouraged to Respond to U.S. Census Bureau**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, May 5, 2020 – In March, homes across the country received invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Since April 1, 2020, 67.1% of Birmingham residents have responded to the census. The City is encouraging residents to respond as soon as possible by mail, call (844) 330-2020, or respond online at <https://my2020census.gov/>.

Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau counts U.S. residents to reapportion the number of U.S. House of Representative seats for each state and to direct federal funding to roads, schools, and hospitals. A full and accurate count of Michigan residents will ensure the state receives its correct share of representation and funding.



Birmingham is not currently in Oakland County’s top ten communities for responses but there is still time for residents to join in the effort to be counted. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has extended the response deadline to October 31, 2020. The questionnaire is simple and takes about ten minutes to complete. Learn more about the 2020 Census and how to respond at <https://2020census.gov/en.html>.

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