

## Did you know...

- Just one missed person counted costs Minnesota taxpayers over **\$2800** annually in federal tax dollars that should be returned to communities.
- Sitting out the census can hurt your community. In addition to ensuring fair political representation, an accurate census count allows federal, state and local resources to be distributed equitably. This could mean more money for hospitals, senior centers, emergency services, road maintenance, public works projects and schools.
- The US Census counts the whole number of persons within the states. This means that it includes citizens, non-citizen legal residents, non-citizen long-term visitors, illegal immigrants and prisoners in jails and penitentiaries.
- Census data is confidential and is only collected for statistical purposes. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties.
- Census participation in the decennial census is also required by law.

## Need Help?

The staff at the City of Becker is happy to lend a hand in helping to show where and how to respond to the census.

If you need any clarification you can speak to our front desk staff or call City Hall.



Becker Census Website  
[www.beckercensus.com](http://www.beckercensus.com)

City Hall Phone Number  
763-200-4239



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## When is Census Day and what can I expect?

**Census day will be April 1, 2020.**

On these dates you will receive:

- March 12–20; An invitation to respond to the census online.
- March 16–24; A reminder letter
- March 26–April 3; A reminder postcard.
- April 8–16; A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
- April 20–27; A final reminder postcard before enumerators follow up in person.

## I am a snowbird and live half the year at my vacation home, is Becker where I live?

People who live at two or more residences, such as people who travel seasonally between residences are counted at the residence they live most of the time.

If you leave the State of Minnesota for more than six months



for tax purposes, consider where you truly spend most of the year; for example, do you return for a week over the holidays? This could make Minnesota the location you should list on your census forms. This is important for

the State and our community!

## What if I miss the initial census letter in the mail?

Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.

It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it, the Census Bureau will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

Employees at Becker City Hall, the Community Center and Golf Course will be available to assist in responding online.

## How will I respond to the census?

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

## How do I know someone is with the U.S. Census Bureau and not someone trying to scam me?

The Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Full social security number
- Money or donations
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your full bank or credit card account numbers

If you are visited by someone from the US Census Bureau, here's how to assure the validity of the field representative;

- Must present an ID Badge which contains: photograph, Department of

Commerce watermark, and expiration date.

- Will provide you with supervisor contact info and/or regional office phone number for verification if asked.
- Will provide you with a letter from the Director of the Census Bureau on U.S. Census Bureau letterhead.
- May be carrying a laptop and/or bag with a Census Bureau logo.

## Avoid the Enumerators

A final reminder postcard will be sent out between April 20–27. After this date the Census Bureau will follow up in person. This means that an enumerator will physically come to your door.



This can be an interruption to your normal schedule and responding to the census can save you from this inconvenience.