



## Contra Costa County

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### NEWS RELEASE

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## CENSUS 2020 in Contra Costa Census Training Workshops

(Martinez, CA) – The future of your community starts with Census 2020. The Census count comes once a decade, attempting to account for every person in the United States. Not only does the count determine congressional districting, it also allocates critical funding for our communities including roads, affordable housing, schools, and parks.

Contra Costa County's Census 2020 Complete Count Steering Committee has been building a network of trusted messengers to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. In order to get a complete count, it will require strong collaboration between the County, cities, and community partners. As part of this effort, the Committee has awarded Census Outreach and Assistance Grants totaling \$280,000 to about 55 organizations to ensure a complete and accurate count.

The Committee is hosting a series of Regional Census Training Workshops to better understand the importance of the Census, learn about outreach resources and tools, and how to help our community members complete the Census form. The Training Workshops are mandatory for Contra Costa County grantees, and open to anyone interested in assisting in census outreach and education in Contra Costa County.

The County's Census effort also focuses on "hard-to-count" Census Tracts, which amounts to 212,356 people in Contra Costa. Every person missed in the census count is estimated to cost \$2,000 a year in lost federal funds. If Contra Costa County undercounts by 5%, we would lose \$1.1 billion over the next ten years.

We encourage you to participate in a workshop to get the training you need to be a knowledgeable, trusted Census 2020 messenger toward our goal of a complete and accurate count in April 2020.

November 20, 11:30pm – 2:30pm

East County Census Training

Antioch Senior Center, 213 F Street, Antioch, CA 94509

Register: [CoCo Census 2020 East County Regional Training Workshop RSVP](#)

December 11, 2019, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Central County Census Training

Food Bank of CC & Solano, 4010 Nelson Avenue, Concord, CA 94520

Register: [CoCo Census 2020 Central County Regional Training Workshop RSVP](#)

December 13, 2019, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

South County Census Solutions Workshop

Lafayette Community Center, Elderberry Room, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA 94549

Register: [CoCo Census South County Regional Training Workshop RSVP](#)

December 16, 2019, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

West County Census Training

Richmond City Hall Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

Register: [CoCo Census 2020 West County Regional Training Workshop RSVP](#)

Spanish translation services provided as needed. Light refreshments available. Sign up to be a partner or learn more at [www.contracosta.ca.gov/census2020](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/census2020).

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