



# Bristow Reminds Residents to Fill Out the 2020 Census

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ALTON, Ill. – To ensure all residents are counted in this year’s census, state Rep. Monica Bristow, D-Alton, is reminding people to fill out the census.

“An accurate count for the census is vital to receive federal funding for projects that benefit education, health care and transportation across our region,” said Bristow. “Important decisions are based on census results each year, so be sure that you get counted so that our communities can receive their fair share of funding.”

The census is a count of the United States population that happens every ten years, as required by the Constitution. Data collected from the census is essential to determining the allocation of resources across the country and to determine how congressional and other legislative districts are drawn. The census will end on Oct. 31, but it is encouraged to complete it early. The 2020 Census can be completed confidentially by mail, phone, or online. If you did not receive forms to fill out through the mail, visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020 for more information.

“The census is essential for everyone to complete because it has a direct effect on your community’s access to resources and your state’s representation,” said Bristow. “It only takes a few minutes to perform this civic duty that will benefit you and your community for the next ten years.”