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**Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)**  
 INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN

# Stand Up and Be Counted!

A Forum About The Urgent Need  
 For An Accurate Census Count

**Wednesday, August 19th**  
**6:00 PM-7:00 PM**

Via Zoom



**United States<sup>®</sup> Census 2020**


**Learn why getting an accurate CENSUS count is so important!**

The Census happens every 10 years. It determines how much money and power are assigned to communities by counting how many people there are to serve in each neighborhood, city, and state.

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 It's time to get counted. Join us to learn more!**

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**Rep. Adams: "A complete and accurate Census count is essential for the 12th District."**

**CHARLOTTE**—Today, Rep. Adams from the 12th District of North Carolina, released a **new report** prepared by the staff of the Committee on Oversight and Reform and Subcommittee on Civil

Rights and Civil Liberties urging residents to complete their Census forms now and detailing the dire costs of an undercount for the 12th District.

Additionally, **Rep. Adams will host a "Stand Up and Be Counted" Census event tonight at 6 PM.** Participants include Marilyn Stephens from the U.S. Census Bureau and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners. The event is open press and open to the public; [interested parties can register here to join on Zoom.](#)

“It’s time to fill out your Census forms now,” **said Rep. Adams.** “This new report makes it clear—a complete Census count is essential for our district. This year’s Census comes at an unprecedented time. As we face a public health crisis and global economic downturn, it is crucial for our community to secure the funding we are entitled to for critical services like education, medical care, and job programs. To ensure that our community has the resources we need for the next decade, every person in our district must be counted.”

Rep. Adams urges households in the district to fill out their Census forms right now—in the comfort of their own homes—by going online at <https://2020census.gov/>, calling 844-330-2020, or filling out the forms they received in the mail. The 2020 Census has only 12 questions and does not ask about citizenship.

Data collected by the Census is used to determine how much funding the district receives for critical services like education, medical care, foster care, roads, public transit, and job programs. Census data also helps local governments enhance public safety and prepare for emergencies.

**The [new report](#) details that if there is just a 1% undercount in the 2020 Census, the residents of the 12th District of North Carolina could lose:**

- \$7.2 million in federal funding for Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and foster care assistance programs.
- \$366,000 in federal funding for schools that have a high proportion of low-income students, or the equivalent of all the textbooks that 1,465 students would need in a school year.
- \$211,000 in federal funding for job training centers and career counseling.

**[Click here to read the full report.](#)**

**Congresswoman Alma Adams** represents North Carolina’s 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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