

Results of survey re: U.S. Census conducted at the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless

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The questions were read to all participants and their responses recorded. The survey size was 40 participants overall. For the purposes of this discussion, we have broken this into 2 age categories, and will refer to them as:

Group 1 30% (12) were between the ages of 20-36, with a median age of 28

Group 2 70 % (28) were between the ages of 41-86 with a median age of 63

Question: Do you know how to use the internet?

Group 1- 92% (11) said they did 8% (1) said they did not

Group 2- 46% (13) said they did 54% (15) said they did not

Question: Do you have access to the internet?

Group 1- 80% (10) said they did 20% (2) said they did not

Group 2- 71% (18) said they did 29% (8) said they did not

Question: Have you heard of the U.S. Census? (if answer was no, a brief description was read as follows: "the census is the count of all the people who live in the U.S." and the question was asked again

Group 1 (before description) 33% (4) said they had not

Group 1 (after description) 8% (1) said they had not

Group 2 (before description) 14% (4) said they had not

Group 2 (after description) 7% (2) said they had not

Question: Is participation in the census required by law?

Group 1- 33% (4) answered "yes" 33% (4) answered "no" 33% (4) answered "don't know"

Group 2- 71% (20) answered "yes" 18% (5) answered "no" 11% (3) answered "don't know"

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Question: Is the census used to decide how government money is spent?

Group 1- 50% (6) answered "yes" 8% (1) answered "no" 42% (5) answered "don't know"

Group 2- 61% (17) answered "yes" 14% (4) answered "no" 25% (7) answered "don't know"

Question: How important is the census for the U.S.?

(The choices were: Very important, Somewhat important, Not too important, Not important at all, Don't know)

Group 1- Very Important- 42% (5) Somewhat important- 25% (3) Not too important 8% (1) Not important at all- 8% (1) Don't know 17% (2)

Group 2- Very Important- 54% (15) Somewhat important-14% (4) Not too important-4% (2) Not important at all-4% (2) Don't know – 18% (5)

Question: How likely are you to participate in the census?

(The choices were Definitely will, Probably will, Might or might not, Probably will not, Definitely will not, Don't know)

Group 1- Definitely will- 33% (4) Probably will 33% (4) Might or might not- 0% Probably will not 8% (1) Definitely will not 17% (2) Don't know 8% (1)

Group 2- Definitely will- 54% (15) Probably will- 18% (5) Might or might not- 7% (2) Probably will not 4% (1) Definitely will not 18% (5) Don't know

Those that answered definitely or probably not were asked why they wouldn't take part

Group 1- It's not important to me, the government wants to know too much, I like my privacy, This is not my house-I am just staying with a friend

Group 2- I don't let anybody in if I don't know them-maybe if I could do it online, I do not answer people who come to my door, I don't feel good- I don't want to be bothered, they are like salesmen-trying to sell you something, What's the sense? They want to know too much