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Harlingen to Hold another Census 2020 Drive-Thru BBQ



Harlingen, Texas—With only days left to respond to the 2020 Census, the City of Harlingen is holding another Census Drive-thru BBQ on September 26 at the Harlingen Sports Park.

Currently, the Harlingen response rate is 54.2% a rate that is lower than the 62.3% response rate of 2010.

To motivate Harlingen residents that haven't responded, the City is giving out free BBQ plates that include chicken and fajitas, as well as, rice and beans to those who fill out the questionnaire there. Responders will be allowed the number of plates equal to the number of people they respond for. For example, if they respond for two people they get two plates, if they respond for five people they get five plates.

Filling out the Census is easy and takes just minutes to complete. U.S. Census employees will be on hand to help Harlingen residents fill out their questionnaires.

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Every ten years the United States counts its population as mandated by the Constitution. The numbers help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed. These federal dollars for example go toward building roads, schools, hospitals, and natural disaster response. Harlingen has been undercounted in previous counts and like the rest of the Rio Grande Valley has lost out on millions of dollars.

The Drive-Thru BBQ is only for people who live within the Harlingen city limits and have not responded to the Census. The City gave out more than 400 plates during the first Census BBQ held on September 12.



What: Harlingen Census Drive-Thru BBQ

When: September 26, 2020

Where: Harlingen Sports Complex, 3139 Wilson Road

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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