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## **Harlingen Census 2020 Drive-Thru BBQ Scheduled for Saturday**



**Harlingen, Texas**—When it comes to filling out paperwork, some wait until the last minute, and the last minute to respond to the 2020 Census, is almost here. The last day to respond is September 30. Currently, the Harlingen response rate is 53.3% a rate that is lower than the 62.3% response rate of 2010.

To motivate Harlingen residents that haven't responded, the City along with Noble Charities is holding a Drive-thru BBQ/Census Drive on Saturday, September 12 at the Harlingen Sports Complex on Wilson Road. Harlingen residents simply have to drive in, fill out the Census, and get free BBQ plates that include chicken, fajitas, as well as, rice and beans. 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.



Drive thru to fill out the Census & get **FREE Plates**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**11 am - 2 pm • Harlingen Sports Complex**

3139 Wilson Rd, Harlingen, Texas

**What:** Harlingen Census Drive-Thru BBQ

**When:** September 12, 2020

**Where:** Harlingen Sports Complex, 3139 Wilson Road

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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