Census workers have begun conducting home visits, knocking on the doors of all Chatham County residents that have not been counted in the 2020 Census.

**Why the Census is important**
Every 10 years the federal government counts everyone living in the United States through the Census. The number of people counted helps determine how the County should plan schools, roads, hospitals, and businesses. It also determines the number of representatives each state has. Lastly, Census counts how much money the County will receive from the federal government.

*How does this funding help Chatham County?*
This helps Chatham County support programs like CHIP, Medicare and Medicaid, SNAP (Food Stamps), Head Start, Foster Care and National School Lunch Program grants, and Highway planning and construction grants.

**How to complete the Census questionnaire**
Every household has until **September 30, 2020** to complete the 2020 Census. The Census can be completed by visiting [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov), calling 844-330-2020 or using the form that was mailed to you.

**There’s no need to worry**
Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected. By law, your census responses *cannot be used against you in any way*. Not by the FBI, CIA, the Department of Homeland Security and not by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Your Census information is kept confidential and will only be used to produce statistics.

**All of Chatham County residents count and need to be counted, so that we get the resources we deserve!**

For more information about the 2020 Census, visit [https://www.chathamnc.org/residents/2020-census](https://www.chathamnc.org/residents/2020-census).