



**City of Columbia, Illinois  
Press Release (August, 2019)**

**2020 Census Address Canvassing to Begin on August 19th**

On Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Census workers will begin their in-field canvassing to compile an accurate list of the residential addresses in the City of Columbia to assist in the nation's 2020 Census (April 1, 2020 is Census Day) – the canvassing is expected to be completed no later than October 4<sup>th</sup>. Census workers will be present throughout the city during daylight hours and will be carrying a laptop – they will also have a census worker's picture badge for identification purposes. Their mission is to compile an accurate list of all residential addresses in Columbia, and in doing so, they will be making contact with citizens of as many residences as possible to obtain information helpful for conducting the census. Residents should anticipate a census worker coming to their residence and asking a few questions – this process should take no longer than 3 – 5 minutes; a confidentiality notice will be given to all residents answering the questions asked of them. Please give the census workers your full cooperation when they visit so Columbia can get an accurate count of its residents at next year's census.