of any state. The other 7% or so have until the end of the month to either fill out the form online at 2020census.gov, by
More than 93% of Washington households have already been counted, according to the Census Bureau, the third-best rate
completing the census, despite months of delays in counting brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the same time, there remains broad unease and anxiety — and a flurry of letters and litigation — over the Trump
census, before counting is scheduled to stop at the end of September.

As was previously announced.

Nonetheless, the Trump administration recently announced that counting would end Sept. 30, rather than Oct. 31,
Door-knockers were supposed to begin work in May, but because of COVID-19 didn’t start until the end of July or early

A federal judge Thursday ordered the Trump administration to stop winding down census operations until a court hearing
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explain the process and urge participation.

Most of that money is distributed to local groups to do outreach within their own communities, where they can better
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"This is just counting people"

One of those hard-to-count areas is King County's census tract 91, centered on Seattle's Chinatown International District. Here, 56% of residents are foreign-born, 39% of households have no one who speaks English “very well,” nearly a quarter of residents have moved within the last year and 94% of housing units are rentals.

Not surprisingly, census response rates there are lagging. The current self-response rate in the Chinatown ID is just 50%, compared to 71% statewide, 75% in King County and 89% in Seattle's best-responding census tract, Loyal Heights. Self-response rates represent only people who respond to the census without being contacted by a door-knocker.

On Wednesday last week, the census set up what it calls a Mobile Questionnaire Assistance event at Hing Hay Park in the Chinatown ID. Stationed at a pop-up tent, stocked with census swag — tote bags, face masks, hand fans, binder clips — were Census Bureau employees and two community liaisons hired by the city of Seattle.

In prior years, the Census Bureau stationed at libraries and community centers, but those have been replaced by the mobile events that pop up in under-responding neighborhoods.

There are few events this year amid the pandemic, during which time Census Bureau employees have been wrapped in hazmat suits. Only twice did they set up an event.

"We're really trying to catch everyone, especially the homeless," said Lillian Young, who works with the city to engage communities and the homeless and unhoused in Seattle. "We're doing door-to-door, but that's all depending on the staff."

A Census Bureau employee also staffed the booth, but most of the work was done by the community liaisons. "I can't say how many people we've reached," said Young, who speaks Mandarin and Cantonese. "They've come to ask us questions."

The Census Bureau said they've done mobile events throughout the state over the past month, including about three per day in King County. On Wednesday, the event at Hing Hay Park counted 22 new households in the first two hours.

"Then it doesn't hit home"

The Census Bureau feels like they need to do more. The bureau had planned to move some of their participation efforts online, but they've had to shift their focus to social media and other avenues.

Hotline2020, an intertribal organization, organized a virtual census "canoe race" to try to spur participation among Washington tribes. Tribes with the highest self-response rates to the census and the biggest improvements got cash prizes from the nonprofit.

The United Way every year sets up 33 free tax prep sites across King County that, this year, were also going to double as census outreach sites. COVID-19 closed all those down in March.

We Count Washington, a campaign supported by the state, King County, United Way and other groups, is hoping to make "data meaningful" and engaging by reaching out to groups that are underrepresented.

Black Lives Matter — Seattle & King County got about $180,000 in grants from the state and launched the Demand to be Counted campaign, emphasizing the concrete stakes of the census.

"We're intentional about taking the census to the people, to the places, to the offices, and maximizing the impact," said Jennifer Saco, a campaign officer. "This is not a game of the people, it's not a joke."

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