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**Census Bureau Releases Local Estimated Response Rates to 2020 Census**  
*Highest Rates in Belton, Honea Path; Lowest in Iva, Starr*

**Anderson County, S.C.** (April 20, 2020) – According to Census Bureau estimates released in the past week, the City of Belton and the Town of Honea Path, followed closely by the Town of Pendleton and the City of Anderson, lead the way locally in response rate to the 2020 Census.

Linda J. Shell, a Census Bureau partnership specialist based in Atlanta, said in an email to county and municipal officials, “Anderson County ranks number 7 out of the 46 counties in South Carolina for the 2020 Census Response Rate.”

Still, only the City of Belton outpaces the national average response rate of 49.01%. Response in Anderson County sits at 48.09%.

“We urge all local officials, community leaders, and citizens to ramp up efforts to make sure every single person in Anderson County fulfills their duty, as our Founding Fathers mandated in Article I, Section II of the United States Constitution, to participate in the 2020 Census,” said County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn. “Especially in this time of crisis, everyone needs to do their constitutional duty to be counted. Anderson County should get all the resources and representation in Washington we’re supposed to get, and that depends directly on how many of us submit our Census forms now. It only takes a few minutes, and you can even do it online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov). Don’t let your neighbors down—stand up and be counted.”



*Graphic: Anderson County Administrator’s Office; Data: U.S. Census Bureau*

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