

2020 Census FAQ's

Who needs to complete the census?

Everyone! By law, every person living in the United States is required to be counted in the 2020 Census.

How do I complete the census?

There are three ways that the Census Bureau will initially collect responses from people for the 2020 Census: online, by phone, and by mail. By April 1, 2020, you will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home.

What happens if I don't complete the census?

Starting in May 2020, the Census Bureau will begin following up in-person with homes that have not responded to the census.

My house was damaged during the Memorial Day tornadoes. Where should I complete the census, and what address should I use?

You should be counted where you live and sleep **most of the time**. If you do not have a residence where you usually live and sleep, you should be counted where you are staying on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

If your house was substantially damaged and you cannot live and sleep there, you **should not** use the address of your damaged house for the 2020 Census. You should be counted at the address where you live and sleep most of the time.

I'm a college student. Do I need to complete the census?

You need to be counted, and here's how to determine where:

- College students who are living at home should be counted at their home address.
- College students who live away from home should be counted at the on- or off-campus residence where they live and sleep most of the time, even if they are at home on April 1, 2020.

What kinds of questions are being asked this year?

The 2020 Census will ask basic questions about each person living in your home. Information includes: name, race, age, and relation to other household members. For a complete list, visit the following link:

<https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2019-08/2020-informational-questionnaire.pdf>.

Is there a question about citizenship status?

No. There is no question about citizenship status on the 2020 Census.

I've been contacted by someone about the census. How do I know if it's legitimate?

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

Census Bureau workers will present you with a valid ID badge. Make sure to ask for an ID badge if you are approached by a Census Bureau worker in your community.

