

# Guide to Complete the 2020 Census Online

The 2020 Census is a count of every person living in the United States. The Census is required by the U.S. Constitution and takes place once every 10 years. The 2020 Census is very important. Your responses help to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and guide how more than \$675 Billion in federal funding is spent in communities each year.

The 2020 Census is easy, completing these questions takes only about 10 minutes per person. You can respond online from a computer, tablet or mobile phone 24 hours a day. You can also respond over the phone or using the paper questionnaire. If you respond we may not need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to visit you. An interviewer may still visit if you respond late, if we have follow-up questions, or for other surveys.

Your information is confidential. Federal law protects your responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

If you are ready to begin go to [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) now. The online questionnaire is available in English and 12 non-English languages. To select a language, click on GLOBE ICON and select a language or select the name of the language at the bottom of any screen.

**You will need to complete the 2020 Census in one session. If you leave you will have to start over.**



## 2020 CENSUS

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 An official website of the United States government. [Here's how you know](#) ▼



**The .gov means it's official.**  
Federal government websites often end in .gov or .mil. Before sharing sensitive information, make sure you're on a federal government site.



**The site is secure.**  
The [https://](#) ensures that you are connecting to the official website and that any information you provide is encrypted and transmitted securely.

To begin chose "Start Questionnaire".

First enter your 12-digit Census ID. Your Census ID is on the materials that we mailed to your address or left at your door. If you do not have your Census ID select the link below the login button and answer some questions about your address, you will still be able to respond. Then confirm you are completing the 2020 Census questionnaire for the address shown, select "yes" or "no". If you will be staying at this address on April 1st (or most of the year) select "yes", otherwise chose "no".

Please Log In

Use the materials we mailed to you or left at your door. All the information that you provide will remain confidential.

[Where can I find my 12-digit Census ID?](#)

Please enter the 12-digit Census ID found in the materials we mailed to you or left at your door.

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Login

[If you do not have a Census ID, click here.](#)

Are you completing the 2020 Census questionnaire for the address below? [\(Help\)](#)

- Yes  
 No

The "NEXT" button takes you forward and the "PREVIOUS" button takes you back. DO NOT use the forward or back buttons on your browser, or else you may need to start over.

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Next, enter your name and telephone number. Enter your full name in English letters.

What is your name and telephone number?

We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business. [\(Help\)](#)

First Name   Middle Name   Last Name(s)

    

Telephone Number

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Sometimes a message may appear on the screen which asks you to check your response or enter additional information. Review what you've entered before selecting the "Next" button. **You do not have to change or complete your answer to move on.**

Please provide a response. If this person does not have an answer, continue to the next page.

Enter the number of people, including yourself, who will be living or staying at this address on April 1, 2020 (or for most of the year).

Including yourself, how many people will be living or staying at  on April 1, 2020?

[For more information on who to include, click here.](#)

Number

*Make sure you count people where they usually live and sleep. If someone does not have a usual residence count them where they will be staying on April 1st. Include babies and children of all ages, close or extended family members, people who are not related to you, and people staying here without a permanent place to live. DO NOT INCLUDE anyone who lives away from this address most of the year such as college students, armed forces personnel, people in a nursing home, mental hospital, jail, prison, detention center, etc. OR people visiting who usually live and sleep somewhere else. These people will be counted in other ways.*

Click on the underlined blue links for help with the questions.

Then, list the name of each person living or staying at this address. To add more people, select the button "+ ADD ANOTHER PERSON".

| First Name           | Middle Name          | Last Name(s)         |                                       |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="Remove"/> |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="Remove"/> |

We do not want to miss any people staying at this address on April 1st (or most of the year). If you forgot to include anyone who stays here chose "YES" and enter those names, otherwise chose "NO".

Will there be any ADDITIONAL people that you did not already list?  
[For more information on who to include, click here.](#)

- Yes
- No

Now you are ready for the next two questions about the home at this address.

On April 1, 2020, will the house, apartment, or mobile home at  (Help)

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan (including home equity loans)?
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

Of the people who will be living at  will own the house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020? (Help)

Select all that apply.

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- None of the above

Next, we ask some questions about each person who you listed earlier.

First, we ask if the person is male or female.

- Male
- Female

We also ask you to enter the month, day and year this person was born.

|                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Month                | Day                  | Year                 |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Verify or enter correct age as of April 1, 2020. For babies less than 1 year old, do not enter the age in months. Enter 0 as the age.

years

Next, we ask about Hispanic origin and race. Please answer this and the next question.

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin  
Enter, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

If you selected the last response enter more details in the box below.

Next, we ask about race. Select one or more check-boxes. Enter detailed origins in the boxes provided.

Select one or more boxes AND enter origins. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

White

Enter, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.

Black or African American

Enter, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Enter name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow (Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community), etc.

Chinese

Filipino

Asian Indian

Vietnamese

Korean

Japanese

Other Asian

Enter, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

Additional people will also see this question: How is this person related to the reference person?

Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse

Opposite-sex unmarried partner

Same-sex husband/wife/spouse

Same-sex unmarried partner

Biological son or daughter

Adopted son or daughter

Stepson or stepdaughter

Brother or sister

Father or mother

Grandchild

Parent-in-law

Son-in-law or daughter-in-law

Other relative

Roommate or housemate

Foster child

Other nonrelative

Some people live in more than one place. We need to ensure everyone is only counted once. Select the name of anyone usually lives or stays somewhere else. Otherwise chose "None of the above". If a person does usually live or stay somewhere else. Select the reason why from the options provided.

We would like to make sure everyone is only counted once. Some people live or stay in more than one place. ([Help](#))

For example:

- With a parent, grandparent, or other person
- While attending college
- For a military assignment
- To be closer to a job or business
- In a nursing home or group home
- In a jail or prison
- At a seasonal or second residence

**Great job! You are now ready to send your response. Select "Submit questionnaire" to complete the 2020 Census.**

You are almost finished and are now ready to send your responses. Once your questionnaire is submitted, you will not be able to access your information or change any of your responses. After you submit your responses and are shown the confirmation page, you may close the web browser.

You must select SUBMIT to complete your questionnaire. Would you like to send your responses now?

Edit Questionnaire

Submit Questionnaire

**You will see a confirmation page with your address and today's date. You may now close the web browser.**