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How the 2020 Census Counts People Experiencing Homelessness



People experiencing homelessness live in a variety of situations, such as temporarily staying with family or friends, living outside or living at a shelter. The 2020 Census has procedures to count people living in all of these situations. For example, people without a usual place to live who are temporarily staying with family or friends should be included in that household's response.

The 2020 Census has procedures that count people outdoors, where they receive services, and at other locations where they are known to sleep.

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The Census Bureau works with local groups to identify outdoor and other locations where people are known to sleep. Census takers will count people in person at these previously identified locations on April 1, 2020 (Census Day).



Outdoor and Other Locations

Potential outdoor locations including parks, wooded areas, designated beach areas, tent cities, alleys, under highway systems, subway stations, shopping center parking lots, gas stations, truck stops, and rest stops. Potential indoor locations including all-night businesses such as movie theaters, 24-hour laundromats, and casinos.

The 2020 Census counts people at service locations.

Between March 30 and April 1, 2020, the census will count people at the following locations:



Emergency and Transitional Shelters

Shelters with sleeping facilities for people to stay overnight, missions, hotels and motels used as shelters, and places for children neglected, experiencing homelessness or who have run away from home.



Soup Kitchens

Facilities that serve meals (using service lines or bag lunches).



Regularly Scheduled Mobile Food Vans

Stops where such vans distribute meals.

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The Census Bureau works with service providers to get a complete and accurate count at their locations.



The service providers can decide how people at the location should be counted:

- **In-person interview:** Using a paper questionnaire, a census taker interviews each person served a meal or staying at the facility.
- **Facility records:** Emergency and transitional shelters may opt to provide census workers with a paper listing of census response data for each person served or staying at the facility.



Census workers will begin contacting administrators in February 2020 to:

1. Verify or confirm the address and contact information of the facility or food van stop.
2. Discuss the expected population at the time of enumeration.
3. Determine the best date and time (between March 30 and April 1, 2020) for conducting the enumeration.
4. Discuss legal and security constraints or issues, and explain confidentiality procedures.
5. Determine preferred enumeration method.





Count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The first census in 1790 established the principle of “usual residence”—counting people where they live and sleep most of the time. Most people can easily identify their usual residence. But for some, it’s not so easy. Knowing where to be counted in the census can be complicated if you don’t have a permanent home, if you live in group housing, or if you divide your time between two homes. The information below will help you know where you and everyone in your household should be counted in the 2020 Census.

Count these people on your household’s census form if they live with you most of the time:



Babies and children of all ages (even newborns and infants), including biological and adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and children in joint custody arrangements.



Children under the age of 18 who are away at boarding school. (Note: Count these children even if they spend more time at school than at home.)



Children placed in your home through foster care, emergency placement, relative placement (children placed in a relative’s home), or guardianship, as well as youth experiencing homelessness who are staying with you temporarily.



Any other close or extended family members living in your home, including partners, siblings, grandparents, cousins, in-laws, etc.



People living in your home who are not related to you, such as roommates, boarders, friends, or live-in employees.

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Count these people on your household's census form if they are staying with you on April 1, 2020:



People who do not have a permanent place to live because they never stay in one place for very long.



People who live in more than one place and cannot determine where they stay most often. Examples of this could be a person who lives in one place for work but returns home regularly or a person who rotates between multiple homes on a seasonal basis.



People, including children, experiencing homelessness who are staying with you until they find another place to live or stay.



People who are staying with you temporarily because a natural disaster destroyed their home.

Do not count these people on your household's census form:



Children who have been placed in your home for respite care (foster care for **no longer than two weeks**). They should be counted in the home where they reside most of the time.



People who, on April 1, 2020, are in a nursing home, mental hospital, jail, prison, or detention center. This also includes people staying in a skilled-nursing or psychiatric unit for long-term care.



College students who live away from your residence for most of the year.



People visiting or temporarily staying with you on April 1, 2020, who usually live and sleep somewhere else.



Members of the military who live in military barracks, in a dormitory, or on a military vessel.

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Everyone counts in group housing.

No matter where you live, it is important that you are counted in the 2020 Census. Information collected in the census will help determine funding for vital community resources, congressional representation, and more.

You should be counted where you live and sleep most of the time. If you live in a group facility, like a dorm, military barracks, or shelter, U.S. Census Bureau employees will work with a representative from your building to make sure you are counted. You may be asked to complete an individual census form.

Your building may include you in its count.

Those living in most group facilities, including college dorms, nursing homes, psychiatric and other medical facilities, correctional facilities, group homes, and some shelters, will be counted in one of the following ways:

- A representative from your building will electronically submit your information to the Census Bureau. It will be encrypted to make sure it remains confidential.
- A Census Bureau employee will interview a representative from your building in person.
- A Census Bureau employee will drop off paper census forms for residents to complete, and pick them up later.
- At some medical and correctional facilities, a representative from your building will work as a census taker to collect information from the facility's residents.

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A place where you receive services may include you in its count.

Census Bureau employees will work with transitional shelters, meal centers, and other places where people receive services to make sure everyone is counted. If you are staying in one of these places, or are experiencing homelessness and receive services there, you may be counted through an in-person interview with a census taker. A representative from the service's facility may submit a roster to the Census Bureau to make sure nobody is missed.

The military may include you in its count.

If you live in a military barracks or dormitory, a representative will count you as part of the facility. If you are assigned to a military vessel with a home port outside of the United States, you will be counted using data from the U.S. Department of Defense. For more information about how the census counts active duty military and their families, visit 2020CENSUS.GOV and search **military**.

To confirm how your building will be counted, check with your building supervisor or manager.

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To ensure an accurate count, remember to:



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Respond at the address where you were living or staying on April 1, 2020.

What's in it for me?

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What else do I need to know?

Responding to the 2020 Census is:

> Easy

Every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census in early 2020. You can complete the form online, by phone, or by mail.

> Safe

Your personal information is confidential, is protected by law, and can never be used to identify you. It can never be shared with law enforcement agencies or your property manager.

> Important

Businesses and leaders in your community will use the data collected in the census to make decisions about where to build new buildings, revitalize old ones, open stores, create jobs, and more.



Is the Census Bureau hiring?

Yes! Earn extra income while helping ensure that everyone in your community is counted. The U.S. Census Bureau has a variety of temporary jobs that need to be filled, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. You must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a United States citizen to be eligible.

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Make a difference in your community.

Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States gets counted in the census—once and in the right place.

Your response helps make sure that more than \$675 billion in federal funds is directed each year to the right places to support education, health care, firefighting services, and more. Many decisions about where to send this money are based on census data. A complete and accurate count is also critical for determining how many representatives each state will have in Congress.

Where you are counted can shape your future.

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Where you are counted matters.

A guide for different living situations

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Count yourself in the right place.

In general, you should count yourself **where you live and sleep most of the time**. But pay special attention if you are:



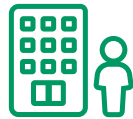
Completing Your Household's Form

When responding, count any children, including newborns, who usually live and sleep at your home—even if they're not your own. If they split time evenly between two households, count them where they are on April 1, 2020."



A Recent Mover

Count yourself at your new address if you moved in by April 1, 2020.



A Renter

Count yourself where you live. Even though you don't own the home, you need to participate. Don't forget your family and roommates.



A College Student

If you don't live in a dorm, count yourself at your off-campus address—even if you go to your parents' home for school breaks. This includes international students.



A Service Member

If you don't live in military barracks—and you aren't deployed or stationed outside the United States—count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time, whether on or off base.



A Resident of a Group Facility

For people in the following living situations on April 1, 2020, Census Bureau employees will work with a representative from your building to ensure you are counted. They may or may not ask you to complete an individual census form.

- College dorms
- Military barracks
- Nursing homes
- Group homes
- Shelters
- Psychiatric facilities
- Correctional facilities

For more details, visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://www.census.gov/2020census.gov).





You have the power to shape your future.

The 2020 Census is important and impacts you no matter where you live or whether you rent or own. When you count everyone in your home, you help to inform how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed each year for things like housing assistance, infrastructure, and public transportation.

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Count everyone under your roof.

Hundreds of billions of dollars are at stake every year for the next 10 years.

The results of the 2020 Census inform funding and planning for new clinics, school lunch programs, emergency services, and more. So make sure you count everyone living in your home as of April 1, 2020.

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Do you know who to count on your census?

- Any family members or friends who are living with you now, even if it's only for a short time.
- Newborn babies and young children, even if they are not in your family.
- Your roommates or any renters.
- All of the above.**

These people are often missed in the census. This means they can miss out on resources for themselves and their communities over the next 10 years.
Make sure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census!

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