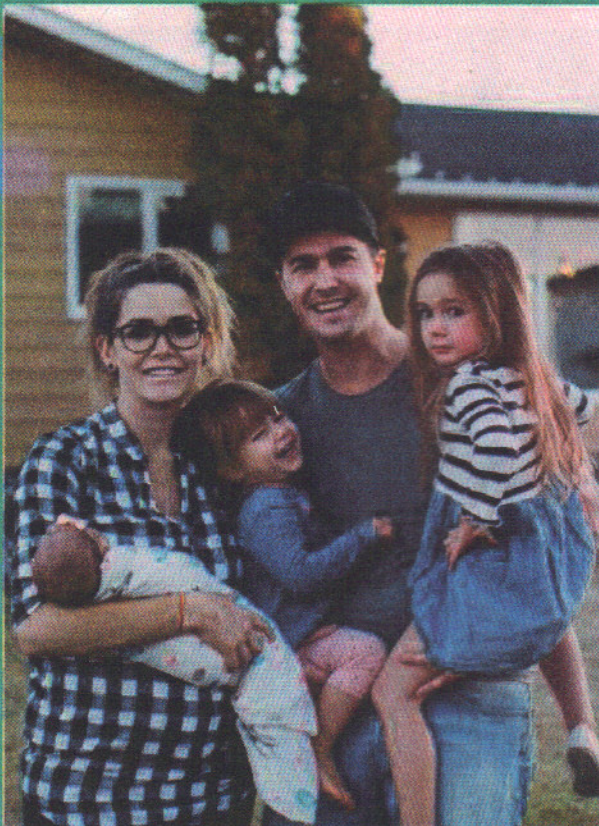


2020 Census Timeline

Counting every person living in the United States is a massive undertaking, and efforts begin years in advance. Here's an overview of key census activities occurring in 2020 and 2021.

- January 2020: The Census Bureau begins counting the United States population in remote Alaska, and advertising begins nationwide.
- March 2020: The Census Bureau mails or drops off census packages at every residential address, starting the self-response period. Everyone will have three options for responding – online, by mail, or by phone.
- **April 1, 2020: Census Day is observed nationwide.** By this date, all households will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. When completing the census, you'll note where you are living on April 1. The day will be celebrated with events across the country.
- May 2020: The Census Bureau begins following up with households that have not responded.
- Summer 2020: The 2020 Census wraps up, and the Census Bureau begins compiling data.
- December 2020: The Census Bureau delivers congressional apportionment counts to the president by December 31.
- March 2021: Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31.



Keep small town communities connected.

What makes a small town great is its community, and that's why your response to the 2020 Census is so important. It can impact funding for things that keep us connected, like local roads, bridges, public transportation, and more.

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2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

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Every town is an important part of the American story.

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

Responding Is Important for Your Community

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

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Every Person Counts

Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact.

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