

# Who to Count on Your Census

*The 2020 Census will count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.*

## Who Counts as Part of Your Residence?

If you are filling out the census for your household, you should count anyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone who is living and sleeping there most of the time.

## Counting Young Children

It is important to remember to count any children who are living with you. This includes:

- All children who live in your household, including grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends.
- Children who split their time between households, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.
- Newborn babies, even those who are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.

## People Who Are Born on Census Day

Babies born on or before April 1, 2020, should be counted at the residence where they will live or sleep most of the time, even if they are still at the hospital. Babies born after April 1, 2020, should not be counted.

## People Who Die on Census Day

People who are alive for any part of the day on April 1, 2020, should be counted in the census. People who die before April 1, 2020, should not be included.

## People Who Move on Census Day

People who are moving should be sure to count themselves just once, in one residence.

- If they move into their new residence on April 1, 2020, they should count themselves at that residence.
- If they move out of their old residence on April 1, 2020, but have not yet moved into their new home, they should count themselves at their old residence.

## Visitors on Census Day

This depends on the type of visitor. Visitors on April 1, 2020, who will return to their usual residence should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time. Citizens of foreign countries who are visiting the United States on vacation or a business trip on April 1, 2020, should not be counted.

## Foreign Citizens in the U.S.

- Citizens of foreign countries who are living in the United States, including members of the diplomatic community, should be counted at the U.S. residence where they live and sleep most of time.
- Citizens of foreign countries who are visiting the United States on vacation or a business trip on April 1, 2020, should not be counted.

## Students

- Boarding school students below the college level should be counted at their parental residence.
- College students who are living at home should also be counted at their parental residence.
- College students who live away from home should count themselves at the on- or off-campus residence where they live and sleep most of the time, even if they are home or on break on Census Day.
- U.S. college students who are living outside the United States while attending college outside the country are not counted in the census.
- Foreign students living in the country while attending college in the United States should be counted at the on- or off-campus residence where they live and sleep most of the time.

## U.S. Military Personnel

Members of the U.S. military who live on base often have special procedures for being counted. More information will be added as we approach Census Day.

## People in Shelters

- People who are living in emergency and transitional shelters (with sleeping facilities) for people experiencing homelessness should be counted at the shelter.
- People displaced by a natural disaster should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time. If they do not have a residence where they usually live and sleep, they should be counted where they are staying on April 1, 2020.

## People in Prisons and Correctional Facilities

People who are living in any of the following, on April 1, 2020, should be counted at the facility:

- Correctional residential facilities.
- Federal detention centers.
- Federal and state prisons.
- Local jails and other municipal confinement facilities.

## People in Health Care Facilities

The following patients should be counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time, rather than the facility:

- Patients in hospitals for routine stays.
- Patients at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals (except for psychiatric units).
- Patients at in-patient hospice facilities.
- Newborn babies (who should be counted where they will live).

The following patients should be counted at the facility in which they're staying on April 1, 2020:

- People with no usual home anywhere.
- People in psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric units for long-term, non-acute care in other hospitals.
- People in nursing facilities.

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