

How to Self-Respond to the 2020 Census Questionnaire Online English: Video Guide to Completing the 2020 Census Online

Call the Census Bureau at (844)330-2020 to complete your questionnaire or ask a question. The list below (left) has different numbers for assistance in many languages. If you have questions, but do not want to call the Census Bureau, the numbers below (right) are available.

A note about COVID-19 and the Census: Public health and safety is absolutely critical at this moment of uncertainty. We must fulfill our constitutional obligation to complete the 2020 Census and count every single person in the United States. Our country's future depends on it. _Fortunately, it has never been easier and more accessible to respond to the census on your own -- online, over the phone, or by mail.

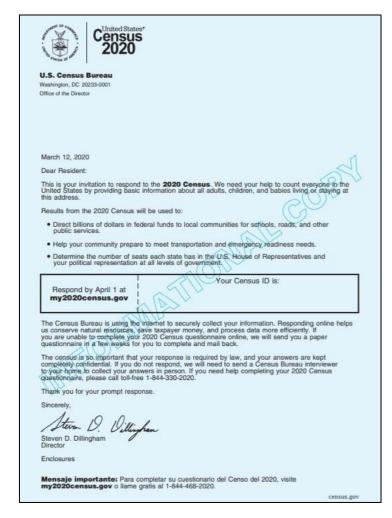
Language	Toll-free number
English	844-330-2020
Spanish	844-468-2020
Chinese (Mandarin)	844-391-2020
Chinese (Cantonese)	844-398-2020
Vietnamese	844-461-2020
Korean	844-392-2020
Russian	844-417-2020
Arabic	844-416-2020
Tagalog	844-478-2020
Polish	844-479-2020
French	844-494-2020
Haitian Creole	844-477-2020
Portuguese	844-474-2020
Japanese	844-460-2020
English (Puerto Rico residents)	844-418-2020
Spanish (Puerto Rico residents)	844-426-2020



What will I receive from the Census Bureau?

Households will be receiving invitations to fill out the Census from March 12 through the end of April. A copy of what the invitation looks like is included below. You can choose to wait to receive this mailer and get a code for your address, or you can fill it out online or over the phone now. These mailings are currently uninterrupted by COVID-19.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL			
On or between	You'll receive:		
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)		
March 16-24	A reminder letter.		
	If you haven't responded yet:		
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.		
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.		
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.		



Why is it important to be counted?

- **Funding**: Distribution of more than \$22.7 billion in federal funds within NJ annually to support important programs and services like Medicaid, Head Start, schools, hospitals, roads, and more.
- **Political Representation**: Helps determine New Jersey's number of seats in the House of Representatives, its number of votes in the Electoral College, and our voting district boundaries. The Census directly effects political power.
- Resources: Data are used to know where populations are growing so we can build more schools and highways.
- Economic Development: Businesses use Census data to determine if and where they should build in NJ.

I did not receive a mailer; can I still complete my Census online?

Yes! Respondents who have not received a Census mailer may still complete the Census online. This is called Non-ID response. Non-ID responses will later be matched by the Census Bureau using the addresses provided by the respondents.

What will the Census Bureau NEVER ask?

The Census Bureau will never ask you for a social security number, bank or credit card information, money or donations, and political party or beliefs. There will not be a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

What will happen if I don't self-respond?

If you do not self-respond online or over the phone by the end of May 2020, a Census Bureau enumerator will visit your home to collect the responses in person. If you do not want someone visiting your home, you should self-respond.

Who counts in my household?

Every person living in your household should be counted on Census, even if the situation is temporary or they are unrelated to you. COVID-19 may have resulted in a college student moving back in with their parents. In this unique case, the student should be counted where they would have been living at their college.

Will my data be kept safe?

Under Title 13 of the U.S. code, the Census Bureau is prohibited from sharing personal information with other organizations or federal agencies. Census data are meant to be used for statistical purposes only. Violation of Title 13 could result in a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years in federal prison.

Should someone who cannot vote still participate in the Census?

Yes. Everyone counts—including children ages 0-17, noncitizens, and those who are incarcerated.

Household Living Scenarios: Who Counts Where?

Remember: Your household's 2020 Census response should count everyone who lives at your address all or most of the time.

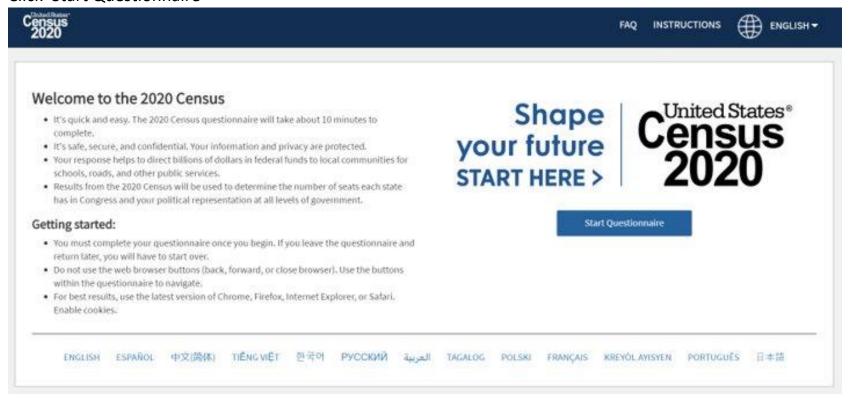


Example	Scenario	Who Counts?
Multi-Generational	Blanca lives with her partner, adult daughter, and	Blanca should count her partner, adult daughter and her two
Households	two grandchildren, ages 2 and 4. Her adult	grandchildren. Even though Blanca's daughter provides
	daughter pays rent and financially supports her	support for her own children and pays rent, she and her
	own children.	children are part of Blanca's household and should be
		included.
Multi-Family Dwellings	George and his wife and son live in a house that	George should report six total individuals on his Census form—
	they rent. Another unrelated family lives in the	himself, his wife, and his son, as well as the other family
	home—a couple with a newborn baby.	residing in his home. Though George may be concerned that
		he will be penalized for additional residents not disclosed on
		his lease, Census workers are prohibited from sharing
		personal, identifiable information with other agencies,
		including municipal code enforcement and landlords.
Children in Foster Care	Since the beginning of January 2020, 12-year-old	Because Jessie has moved many times and does not have a
Families	Jessie has resided in multiple foster homes. She	usual place of residence, she should be counted wherever she
	has not been at any placement for a prolonged	lives on April 1, 2020. Jessie's foster parents in Middlesex
	period, but on April 1, 2020, Jessie live in a foster	County should include her on their form.
	home located in Middlesex County.	
Living in Group Homes	Anthony's parents live in Burlington County with	Because Anthony's usual place of residence is his group home,
	his two siblings. Anthony lives in a group home in	Anthony should be counted at the group home. Group homes
	Mercer County. His parents provide all of his	are part of a special count, known as "group quarters
	financial support. However, his daily care is	enumeration." The staff at Anthony's group home will be
	managed by the staff at the group home.	responsible for including him on their household response;
		they will only count themselves and Anthony's siblings.

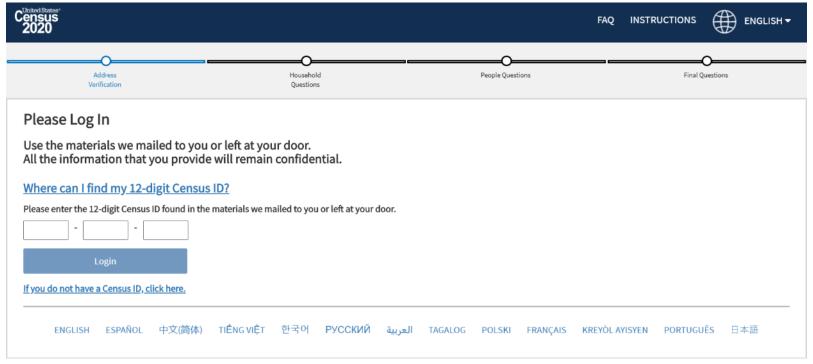
Child Away at University	Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children—Corey,	Mr. and Mrs. Jones should include themselves and Corey
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	who is a high school junior, and Jordan, a	(three people)—not Jordan. Because Jordan's usual place of
	sophomore at Stockton University. Jordan lives on	residence is his dorm on Stockton's campus, he should be
	Stockton's campus in a dorm.	counted at his dorm. The University will be responsible for
	·	ensuring that all students living on campus are counted in the
		Census. If Jordan is back at home due to COVID-19, he should
		still be counted at his university.
Newborn Children	Michelle and Darren's first child was born on	Michelle, Darren, and their newborn baby should all be
	March 3, 2020. They received their Census mailer	included on their household Census response. Every baby born
	that same month.	on April 1, 2020 or before should be included. The next Census
		count will not occur until 2030—when their "baby" will be 10
		years old!
Highly Mobile Families	Cameron and his mother, Janet, lived with Janet's	Because Cameron and his mother do not have a usual place of
	sister for two months beginning in January. Since	residence, they should be counted wherever they are living on
	then, they have been living at several different	April 1, 2020. This means that Janet and Cameron should be
	family members' homes, bouncing back and forth	included on the Census response submitted by Janet's
	between the homes of Janet's godmother and a	godmother.
	close friend. On April 1, 2020, Cameron and Janet	
	stay with Janet's godmother.	
Forgot to Include	Maya and her 3-year-old daughter, Chloe, live	Maya should respond and count everyone living in the
Members of the	with her aunt and uncle—Linda and Harold. She	household, including Chloe, Linda, and Harold. Maya can
Household	believes that Linda and Harold complete their	respond to the Census online or over the phone using her
	Census online but did not include Maya or Chloe.	address, or by using the original code mailed to her address.
	Maya knows that she and Chloe need to be	The Census Bureau will later match Maya's responses with
	counted, but is unsure how to complete her	Linda and Harold's using their address information and remove
	Census.	any duplicates.
Split Custody	Emily is 5 years old and her parents are divorced.	Emily should be counted in whichever home she lives in most
Arrangement	Her parents live in separate homes and they split	of the time. If she lives equal amounts of time in both homes,
	Emily's time between both homes throughout the	then Emily should be counted where she is staying on April 1,
	year.	2020. Emily's parents, if possible, should make sure she is only
		counted once.

How do I complete the 2020 Census?

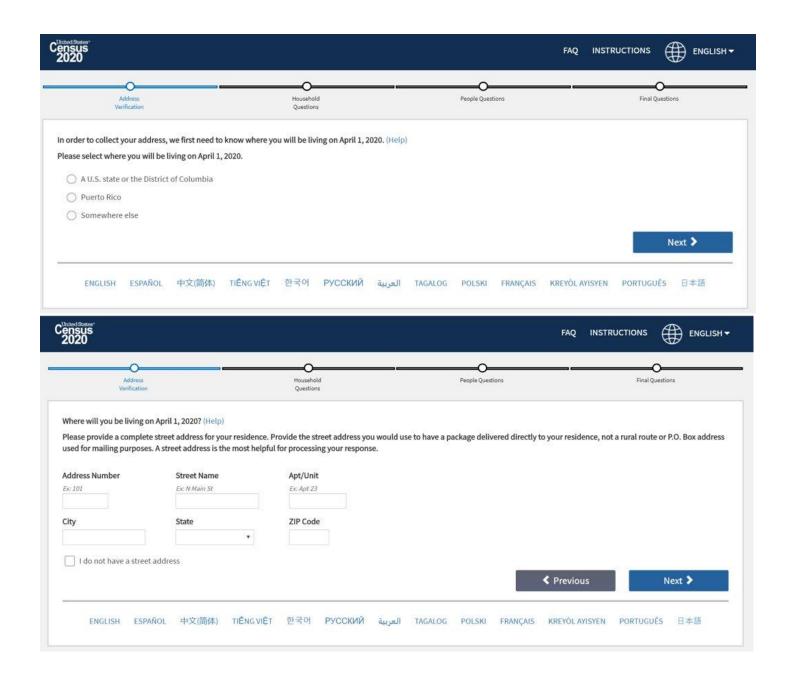
- 1. Go to my2020census.gov
- 2. Click 'Start Questionnaire'

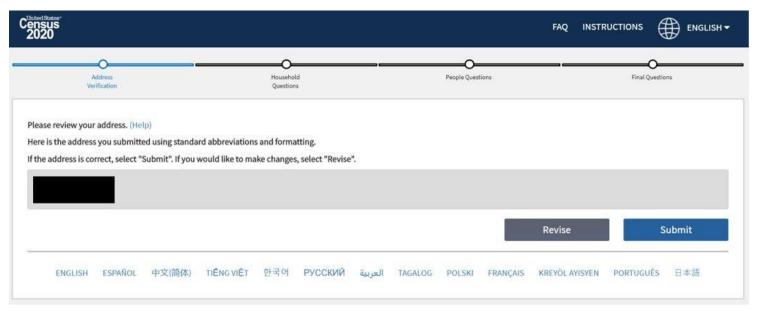


3. Households should have received an invitation to complete the questionnaire in the mail. You do not need this mailer to complete your questionnaire. If you have the code for your address, enter it here. If you do not have the code, click 'If you do not have a Census ID, click here'

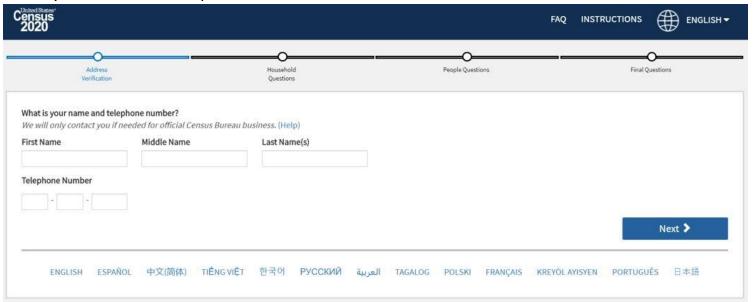


4. Verify your address. If you have multiple addresses, use the address in which you reside most of the time. If you truly can't figure out which address you live at the most, count yourself where you are residing on April 1, 2020. If you do not have an address, you can check off 'I do not have a street address.'

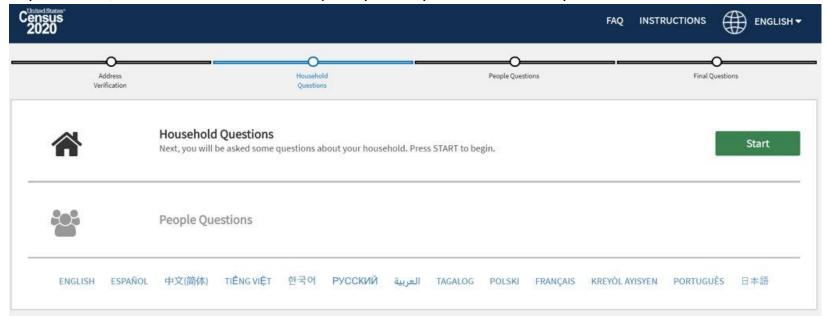




5. Enter your name and telephone number.



6. Continue with the household and people questions in your household. Be sure to count every person living in your home, even if the situation is temporary or they are unrelated to you.



- 7. The 2020 Census will ask for the name, age, birthdate, gender (in the binary), race, and ethnicity for each person in the household. It will also ask about the relationships people have with each other in the household and if you or someone else in the household usually live or stay elsewhere.
 - a. If you would rather not answer some of these questions for any reason, you have the option to do so. However, if too many questions on the form are blank, the Census Bureau may follow up with you for clarity.
- 8. Once you submit the Census questionnaire, you will get a confirmation number and the option to print the confirmation page. If you do not land on this confirmation page, you did not complete the questionnaire unless you completed it over the phone or through mail.