



# 2020 Census Snapshot — American Indian/Alaska Native

## What is the census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the 2020 Census.

## What's in it for me?

The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 Census, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Your responses to the 2020 Census can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities.

The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where we live, we all need to be counted.

## Responding to the 2020 Census is:

### > Easy

In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

### > Safe

Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.

### > Important

The federal government and local American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- > **Q. Who should complete the census questionnaire?**
- A. One person in the home should complete the questionnaire and include every person living there, including relatives, nonrelatives, babies, and children.
- > **Q. How do I fill out the race question correctly?**
- A. If you self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, you should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. You should then print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.
- > **Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**
- A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census will be available on 2020census.gov and via our toll-free phone number. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in 59 non-English languages. Large-print guides to the questionnaire will also be available upon request, as well as telephone device for hearing impaired. On 2020census.gov, video tutorials and how-to resources can help you complete your census form. Many communities, partners, and local organizations will also provide assistance.
- > **Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**
- A. Census Bureau employees work extensively to take in-person counts of people living in group housing, like college dormitories and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information, visit:

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## 2020 Census Key Dates



### January-April 2020

First census enumeration takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska.



### March 2020

Census notices are mailed or delivered to households.



### March-May 2020

Census takers visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.



### April 1, 2020

Census Day



### May-July 2020

Census takers visit households that have not completed the questionnaire.



### December 31, 2020

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment of congressional seats.



### March 2021

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

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