
In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is continually adjusting 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.
- Implement guidance from Federal, State, and local authorities regarding COVID-19. Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities. Since the suspension of field operations in mid-March, the Census Bureau has continually assessed our operational plans, taking into account Federal, state and local guidance, and the status of COVID-19 cases to ensure that Bureau can safely fulfill the mission. Bureau continuing rigorous analysis led to a phased restart that began in May and a soft launch of the Non response Follow-up operation that began early in a number of area census offices in mid-July. The Census Bureau is working to complete data collection as soon as possible, as it strives to comply with the law and statutory deadlines.

Starting July 16, census takers will begin interviewing households that have yet to respond to the 2020 Census in regions managed by the area census offices in most of states. In subsequent weeks, the Census Bureau will announce additional census offices as it prepares to begin enumeration activities nationwide. The majority of census offices across the country will begin follow-up work on August 11. All offices will conclude work no later than October 31. Census takers will follow local public health guidelines when they visit.

Self-Response Phase

Online, phone and mailed self-response continue throughout the data collection process.

Planned Schedule: March 12 – July 31
Revised Schedule: March 12 – October 31
Group Quarters (E-Response & Paper Enumeration)
Many group quarters have already begun responding through our e-Response enumeration option.

Planned Schedule: April 2 – June 5
Revised Schedule: April 2 – September 3

If you live at multiple places throughout the year, count yourself at the address where you live and sleep most of the time. If you split your time evenly between two or more places, count yourself where you were staying on April 1, 2020. However, a census response is required from each and every property. For any property you own but only use part of the time, follow these instructions:

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2. Enter the Census ID or address for this secondary property
3. Enter “0” for the number of people living at this property
4. Hit Next, and when a “soft error” occurs, click Next again
5. Select “No” when asked to confirm no person lives at this property
6. Select primary reason – Seasonal (most likely)
7. Complete! Following these instructions ensures all properties are counted! For more information go to 2020census.gov

Our Indian community is thickly populated in Hudson, Middlesex, Bergen, Essex Counties. Most of the population is aware of the importance of the Census.

Back home in India, we are familiar with Census every ten years, and accustom to include themselves voluntarily.

Hear in the USA too, for last five decays most of Indians and the South Asian countries participating for Census counting. Students and the Senior population are well aware of the importance of Census and its benefits. Majority Indian population is law abiding and Tax paying.

We do have out of status population in large number, but they do participate for counting. This time also we expect most of them will participate in Census counting. We have large number of Census worker recruited from our community, and that will help counting more reliable way.