

2020 Census

The 2020 Census Questionnaire Explained



**Online
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The 2020 Census is easy. You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who is living with you on April 1, 2020.

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This is the official questionnaire for this address.
It is quick and easy to respond, and your answers are protected by law.

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Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau

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Start here OR go online at [url removed] to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire.
Use a blue or black pen.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- If no one lives and sleeps at this address most of the time, go online at [url removed] or call the number on page 8.

The census "counts" also include people without a permanent place to live, for:

- Someone who does not have a permanent place to live is staying here on April 1, 2020, count that person.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away from home, either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2020.
- Leave these people off your questionnaire, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Number of people *

2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?

Mark if that apply:

- Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home ... Mark ONE that

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans.
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number?
We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number

Form number 100-200

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To obtain a sample copy of the 2020 Census Questionnaire or your Guide to the 2020 Census, please visit:

<https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>

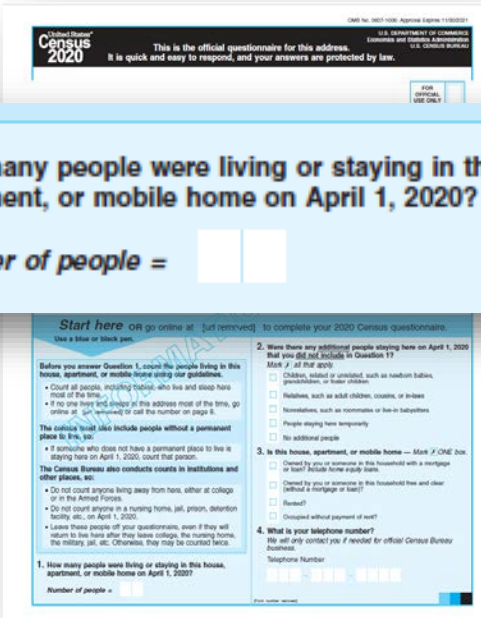
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Question #1 – How many people living in Household

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Number of people =



How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Here, you'll count everyone living and sleeping in your home most of the time, including young children, roommates, and friends and family members who are living with you, even temporarily.

Why we ask this question: This helps us count the entire U.S. population and ensures that we count people where they live most of the time as of Census Day (April 1, 2020).

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Question #2 – Additional people in Household

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2. Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you did not include in Question 1?
Mark all that apply.

- Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?
Number of people =

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home... Mark ONE box.
 Owned by you or someone in the household with a mortgage or loan? Exclude home equity loans.
 Owned by you or someone in the household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
 Rented?
 Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number?
We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.
Telephone Number

Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020, that you did not include in Question 1?

Mark all that apply: Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children; relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws; nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters, and people staying here temporarily.

Why we ask this question: The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone just once and in the right place. We want to ensure that everyone in your home who should be counted *is* counted—including newborns, roommates, and those who may be staying with you temporarily.

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Question #3 – Type of Living Quarters

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark ONE box.

Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans.

Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?

Rented?

Occupied without payment of rent?

Is this house, apartment, or mobile home ...

...Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans. Is it owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)? Rented? Occupied without payment of rent?

Why we ask this question: This helps us produce statistics about homeownership and renting. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help with administering housing programs, planning, and decision-making.

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Question #4 – Your Telephone number

What is your telephone number?

Why we ask this question: The Census Bureau asks for your phone number in case there are any questions about your census form. We will only contact you for official census business, if needed.

The image shows a screenshot of the 2020 Census questionnaire. At the top, it says 'United States Census 2020' and 'This is the official questionnaire for this address. It is quick and easy to respond, and your answers are protected by law.' Below this, question 4 is highlighted in a blue box. The question is '4. What is your telephone number?' and includes the text 'We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.' Below the question is a form for entering the telephone number, consisting of three groups of boxes: a three-digit area code, a three-digit prefix, and a seven-digit number, separated by dashes. Below the form, there is a section for 'Form number removed' and a list of instructions for how to fill out the form, including instructions for how to count people living in the household and how to indicate if the respondent is the head of the household.

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Question #5 – Person 1's name

Person 1

5. Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

6. What is Person 1's race?

5. Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

What is Person 1's name? Print name below.

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

→ If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 2 on the next page.

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What is Person 1's name?

If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns the residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living there as Person 1. There will be opportunities to list the names of additional members of your household.

Why we ask this question: The Census Bureau asks a series of questions about each member of your household. This allows us to establish one central figure as a starting point.

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Question #6 – Person 1's sex

Person 1

5. Please provide information for each person living here, if there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner of the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark ONE box.

Male Female

Age on April 1, 2020: _____ years

Month _____ Day _____ Year of birth _____

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For 8(a) always, Hispanic origin is not race.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, whether Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin - Print for mailing in: Guatemalan, Guatemalan, Guatemalan, Guatemalan, Guatemalan, Guatemalan, etc. y

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark ONE or more boxes AND print origin.

White - Print for mailing: German, Irish, English, Italian, Latvian, Egyptian, etc. y

Other races - Print for mailing: Arab, American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Hawaiian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, etc. y

Some other race - Print race or origin y

If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 2 on the next page.

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What is Person 1's sex?

Mark ONE box: male or female.

Why we ask this question: This allows us to create statistics about males and females, which can be used in planning and funding government programs. This data can also be used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

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Question #7 – Person 1's age and date of birth

Person 1

5. Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the most of your bill.

6. What is Person 1's race? Mark *1, 2, or more boxes AND print origins.*

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

Age on April 1, 2020 *Print numbers in boxes.* Month Day Year of birth

years

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

→ If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 2 on the next page.

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What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?

Note Person 1's age as of April 1, 2020. For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.

Why we ask this question: The U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults. (Read more about [Counting Young Children](#).)

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Question #8 – Person 1's Ethnicity

The image shows a screenshot of the 2020 Census questionnaire. The main focus is on Question 8, which asks about the ethnicity of Person 1. The question is: "8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?". Below the question are five radio button options: "No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin", "Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano", "Yes, Puerto Rican", "Yes, Cuban", and "Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.". Below the options is a grid of 12 empty boxes for printing the response. The form is titled "Person 1" and includes instructions for providing information for each person living here. A watermark "IMPROVE" is visible across the form.

Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

NOTE: Please answer both Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before arriving in the United States. People who identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be any race.


Why we ask this question: These responses help create statistics about this ethnic group. This helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.


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
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

Question #9 – Person 1's Race


9. What is Person 1's race?
Mark one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc. 

Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc. 

American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. 

<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc. 	

Some other race – Print race or origin. 

What is Person 1's race?

Mark one or more boxes AND print origins: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Chinese; Filipino; Asian Indian; Vietnamese; Korean; Japanese; other Asian; Native Hawaiian; Samoan; Chamorro; other Pacific Islander; some other race.

Why we ask this question: This allows us to create statistics about race and to analyze other statistics within racial groups. This data helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

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Person #2

1. Print name of **Person 2**

First Name MI

Last Name(s)

7. What is this person's race?
Mark 1 one or more boxes AND print origins.

White - Print for example German, Irish, English, Italian, Latvian, Egyptian, etc. 2

Black or African Am. - Print for example, African American, Black, etc. 2

4. What is this person's sex?
Male Female

5. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth? For subgroups Part 1 only, do not enter the age if missing. Write or fill the box.

Age on April 1, 2020: _____

Print numbers in boxes. Month Day Year of birth

Month Day Year of birth

6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin - Print for example, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spanish, Guatemalan, etc. 2

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Print name of Person 2.

Here, you will list the next person in your household.

Why we ask this question: The 2020 Census asks information about each member of your household. This question identifies the next person to refer to in the ensuing questions. This process repeats for each person in your home.

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Person #2 – Does this person stay somewhere else?

1. First name of Person 2: [Person 2] M
Last Name(s): []

2. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?
Mark all that apply.

- No
- Yes, for college
- Yes, for a military assignment
- Yes, for a job or business
- Yes, in a nursing home
- Yes, with a parent or other relative
- Yes, at a seasonal or second residence
- Yes, in a jail or prison
- Yes, for another reason

6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
 No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
 Yes, Puerto Rican
 Yes, Cuban
 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin—Print, for example, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, Colombian, Guatemalan, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, etc. 2

7. What is this person's race?
Mark 2, one or more boxes AND print origins.
 White—Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Latvian, Egyptian, etc. 2
 Black or African Am.—Print, for example, African American,

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 6 about Hispanic origin and Question 7 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 3 on the next page.

Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?

Mark all that apply: no; yes, for college; yes, for a military assignment; yes, for a job or business; yes, in a nursing home; yes, with a parent or other relative; yes, at a seasonal or second residence; yes, in a jail or prison; yes, for another reason.

Why we ask this question: This question helps ensure that the Census Bureau is counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place. If you have questions about whether or not to include someone, visit [Who To Count](#).

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Person #2 – Does this person stay somewhere else?

1. First name of Person 2: [Person 2] M

7. What is this person's race? Mark one or more boxes AND print origins.

3. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark ONE box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother
<input type="checkbox"/> Opposite-sex unmarried partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild
<input type="checkbox"/> Same-sex husband/wife/spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Same-sex unmarried partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Roommate or housemate
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepson or stepdaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative

9. Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else? Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin—Print, for example, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, Colombian, Guatemalan, Salvadoran, Guatemalan, etc. 2

→ If more people were counted in Question 1 on the front page, continue with Person 3 on the next page.

How is this person related to Person 1?

Mark **ONE** box; opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse; opposite-sex unmarried partner; same-sex husband/wife/spouse; same-sex unmarried partner; biological son or daughter; adopted son or daughter; stepson or stepdaughter; brother or sister; father or mother; grandchild; parent-in-law; son-in-law or daughter-in-law; other relative; roommate or housemate; foster child; other nonrelative.

Why we ask this question: This allows the Census Bureau to develop data about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that support families, including people raising children alone.

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Responding Online



**Respond
Online**

Responding to the Census Online is:

Safe, secure and confidential—your information and privacy are protected.

Economical—it's the least expensive way to respond to the survey—saving taxpayers money.

Available in 12 non-English Languages.

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Responding Online

Mail Contact Strategies

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.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

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Language Assistance



The Census Portal will be transcribed in 12 non-English Languages:

- Spanish
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Russian
- Arabic
- Tagalog
- Polish
- French
- Haitian Creole
- Portuguese
- Japanese