Make a difference in your community.

Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States gets counted in the census—once and in the right place.

Your response helps make sure that more than $675 billion in federal funds is directed each year to the right places to support education, health care, firefighting services, and more. Many decisions about where to send this money are based on census data. A complete and accurate count is also critical for determining how many representatives each state will have in Congress.

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A guide for different living situations

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Count yourself in the right place.

In general, you should count yourself **where you live and sleep most of the time**. But pay special attention if you are:

Completing Your Household's Form

When responding, count any children, including newborns, who usually live and sleep at your home--even if they're not your own. If they split time evenly between two households, count them where they are on April 1, 2020."

A Recent Mover

Count yourself at your new address if you moved in by April 1, 2020.

A Renter

Count yourself where you live. Even though you don't own the home, you need to participate. Don't forget your family and roommates.

A College Student

If you don't live in a dorm, count yourself at your off-campus address—even if you go to your parents' home for school breaks. This includes international students.

A Service Member

If you don't live in military barracks—and you aren't deployed or stationed outside the United States—count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time, whether on or off base.

A Resident of a Group Facility

For people in the following living situations on April 1, 2020, Census Bureau employees will work with a representative from your building to ensure you are counted. They may or may not ask you to complete an individual census form.

- College dorms
- Military barracks
- Nursing homes
- Group homes
- Shelters
- Psychiatric facilities
- Correctional facilities

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