2020 Census Snapshot — Alaska Native

What is the census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country, including newborn babies and young children, on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all 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 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.

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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 Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Alaska Natives and our communities.

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 can I answer the race question?

A. An individual's response is based upon self-identification. You may mark one or more of the race categories and/or enter multiple tribes or multiple detailed groups. Each write-in area will record up to 200 characters and up to six detailed groups.

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 devices 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.

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