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This memorandum documents the creation of the Early Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) universe for the 2020 Census.

The purpose of Early NRFU is to enumerate college and university students who live in off-campus housing before the end of the spring semester when they may leave for another residence. The 2020 Early NRFU operation will begin on April 9, 2020.

To create the Early NRFU universe, Census Bureau staff identified eligible schools and the geographic area surrounding each school based on certain criteria, including the school's semester end date and the number of full-time students. Stakeholders from the regional census centers and the Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates reviewed and refined the Early NRFU universe based on their local knowledge and research. This work was completed in August 2019 with the Census Bureau's quality control review of updates from stakeholders. The Early NRFU universe began the process to become part of the enumeration universe for the 2020 Census in September 2019.

The number of housing units in each state that will be eligible for Early NRFU are below.

Early NRFU Housing Units by State

State	Number of Early NRFU Housing Units
Alabama	321,634
Alaska	8,675
Arizona	68,340
Arkansas	63,252
California	335,442
Colorado	92,724
Connecticut	86,550
Delaware	18,804
Washington, D.C.	66,518
Florida	256,415
Georgia	356,550
Hawaii	17,223
Idaho	25,881
Illinois	248,529
Indiana	105,119
Iowa	87,559
Kansas	55,457
Kentucky	148,308
Louisiana	205,864
Maine	52,530
Maryland	148,253
Massachusetts	402,196
Michigan	173,943
Minnesota	97,048
Mississippi	91,383
Missouri	129,402
Montana	17,595
Nebraska	41,668
Nevada	23,539
New Hampshire	25,434
New Jersey	368,122
New Mexico	28,633
New York	771,569
North Carolina	293,709
North Dakota	28,993

State	Number of Early NRFU Housing Units
Ohio	287,631
Oklahoma	65,093
Oregon	30,472
Pennsylvania	421,310
Rhode Island	57,233
South Carolina	236,416
South Dakota	21,013
Tennessee	109,223
Texas	354,010
Utah	62,175
Vermont	24,705
Virginia	163,865
Washington	38,032
West Virginia	58,108
Wisconsin	214,547
Wyoming	8,717
Puerto Rico	40,395
Total	7,455,806

The geographic areas that will be enumerated during Early NRFU may also be viewed on a map, which can be accessed at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/planning-management/memo-series/2020-memo-2019_27.html>.

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