

Group Quarters Enumeration

The Group Quarters Enumeration operation counts people who live or stay in group quarters during the 2020 Census. Group Quarters include places such as college/university student housing, residential treatment centers, nursing facilities/skilled-nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and workers' dormitories.

Group Quarters Enumeration for the 2020 Census will be conducted across the United States, including in Puerto Rico, from July 1 through August 26, 2020. Group Quarters Enumeration Reinterview will be conducted from July 2 through September 3, 2020. Late Group Quarters Enumeration for the 2020 Census will be conducted from September 23 through October 21, 2020.

Group Quarters Advance Contact

In preparation for the Group Quarters Enumeration and Service-Based Enumeration operations, beginning in February 2020 the Census Bureau will contact group quarters administrators to obtain important identifying information about their facilities to assist with the enumeration process by scheduling a date and time for the census to conduct the enumeration, and obtain a preferred enumeration method, as appropriate.

Enumeration Methods

The following enumeration methods are available to group quarters facility administrators. For the Group Quarters Advance Contact operation, each group quarters administrator should select the enumeration method that is applicable and best suited for their facility. The census response data that we ask for each person are name, sex, date of birth, age on Census Day (April 1, 2020), Hispanic origin, race, and an alternate address where they live or stay when not at a group quarters facility.

- **Electronic Response Data Transfer (eResponse)**– The group quarters administrator fills in a template with group quarters data and respondent level data for each person who is staying at the facility on Census Day (April 1, 2020). The group quarters administrator electronically sends the census response data to the Census Bureau. This option is not available for service-based group quarters.
- **In-Person Interview** – A census worker conducts a face-to-face, in-person interview with each person who is served or staying at the facility on Census Day, April 1, 2020.
- **Drop-Off/Pickup of Questionnaire** – A census worker leaves census questionnaires to be completed by or for each person who is staying at the facility on Census Day, April 1, 2020. The census worker then picks up the completed questionnaires at an agreed-upon time.
- **Paper Response Data Collection** – A census worker meets with the administrator of the facility to obtain a paper listing of census response data for each person who is served or staying at the facility on Census Day, April 1, 2020.
- **Facility Self-Enumeration** – A census worker swears in and trains the group quarters facility administrator and leaves behind census materials so that the administrator can

conduct the enumeration for each person who is living or staying at the facility on Census Day, April 1, 2020. A census worker then returns to pick up the completed questionnaires at an agreed-upon time. Only military installation group quarters, correctional facilities, and health care facilities can select this option.