2020 Census Snapshot —
American Indian/Alaska Native

What is the census?
Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and 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 American Indians and 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.

Responding to the 2020 Census is:

Easy
Use your Census ID to respond to the 2020 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 American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.

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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. For more information, visit 2020CENSUS.GOV and search race question.

Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?
A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census is available at 2020CENSUS.GOV and through our toll-free phone number: 844-330-2020. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards are available in 59 non-English languages. Large-print guides to the questionnaire are 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.

2020 Census Key Dates

January - April 2020
First census enumeration takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska.

March - July 2020
Census notices are mailed or delivered to households.

March - October 2020
Census takers visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.

April 1, 2020
Census Day

August - October 2020
Census takers visit households that have not completed the questionnaire.

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