Everyone counts in group housing.

No matter where you live, it is important that you are counted in the 2020 Census. Information collected in the census will help determine funding for vital community resources, congressional representation, and more.

You should be counted where you live and sleep most of the time. If you live in a group facility, like a dorm, military barracks, or shelter, U.S. Census Bureau employees will work with a representative from your building to make sure you are counted. You may be asked to complete an individual census form.

Your building may include you in its count.

Those living in most group facilities, including college dorms, nursing homes, psychiatric and other medical facilities, correctional facilities, group homes, and some shelters, will be counted in one of the following ways:

- A representative from your building will electronically submit your information to the Census Bureau. It will be encrypted to make sure it remains confidential.
- A Census Bureau employee will interview a representative from your building in person.
- A Census Bureau employee will drop off paper census forms for residents to complete, and pick them up later.
- At some medical and correctional facilities, a representative from your building will work as a census taker to collect information from the facility’s residents.

For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS.GOV
A place where you receive services may include you in its count.

Census Bureau employees will work with transitional shelters, meal centers, and other places where people receive services to make sure everyone is counted. If you are staying in one of these places, or are experiencing homelessness and receive services there, you may be counted through an in-person interview with a census taker. A representative from the service’s facility may submit a roster to the Census Bureau to make sure nobody is missed.

The military may include you in its count.

If you live in a military barracks or dormitory, a representative will count you as part of the facility. If you are assigned to a military vessel with a home port outside of the United States, you will be counted using data from the U.S. Department of Defense. For more information about how the census counts active duty military and their families, visit 2020CENSUS.GOV and search military.

To confirm how your building will be counted, check with your building supervisor or manager.

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