



# Respond When You Receive Your 2020 Census Invitation

If your tribal area hasn't received census materials yet, we will deliver them soon. Please respond when you receive yours.

## Why haven't I received a census invitation yet?

We determined in collaboration with your tribal leaders that having census workers drop off census materials in some areas is the best way to count people living on your tribal lands. COVID-19 delayed delivery to your area.

## Can I respond now?

Please wait to respond until you receive your census materials.

In your tribal area, the best way to respond is with the unique Census ID we provide. When you receive your materials, you can choose to:

- Complete and mail back the enclosed paper questionnaire.
- Call to respond using your Census ID.
- Respond online using your Census ID.

## What if I've already responded?

We're working to match the address you provided to our address list, but we may need to visit you later.

If we can't match your address, census takers may visit to verify the address you provided and may visit to collect your responses in person. We want to ensure we count everyone in the right place.

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## Will I have time to respond before the census ends?

We've extended the deadline to respond. Census workers will drop off census materials soon, and you'll have plenty of time to respond with your Census ID.

If you don't respond when you receive your Census ID, a census taker will visit later to collect your responses in person.

## Why can't you mail me the census information?

The census counts people where they live. Many households in your tribal area don't receive mail at their home's physical location.

To make sure we reach everyone, census workers will:

- Canvass the area for places people might live.
- Use a laptop to update our address list.
- Link a census questionnaire to your home's physical location and leave it at your front door.

## Why can't I respond now without my Census ID?

Responding with your Census ID ensures you are counted in the right place.

For 95 percent of the country, we can link responses to the right place by using a mailing address. This doesn't work in some communities. For example:

- Some tribal areas don't use addresses like "101 Main Street." If a household responds with just a description of their home's location, it may not be specific enough to count them in the right place.
- If the post office delivers your mail to a PO Box, we can't count you at the post office or follow up with you there if you don't respond.
- Rural route addresses (e.g., RR5, Box 9) represent a mailbox along a roadside, not necessarily your home's location, making it harder to count you in the right place.

## How can I track my community's response?

View our interactive 2020 Census Response Rate map at <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>.

## When will you drop off the materials?

The Census Bureau is resuming dropping off materials on a phased schedule across the country. We are working with your tribal leaders to determine when to deliver to your reservation. Delivering materials does not require interaction with households, and census workers will follow the most current health and safety guidelines. Also, wherever possible, we are hiring tribal citizens as census workers.

Find the latest updates at <https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html>.