

COVID-19 Timeline Changes

The 2020 Census is underway and more households across America are responding every day. Online, phone, and mailed self-responses will continue throughout the data collection process. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is adjusting 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local authorities regarding COVID-19.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

Under the adjusted 2020 Census operational plan, field activities would resume after June 1, 2020, as area census offices begin returning to full staff capacity. In-person activities, including enumeration, office work, and processing activities, will incorporate the most current guidance from authorities to ensure the health and safety of staff and the public.

Activity/Operation	Planned Schedule	Adjustment	Revised Schedule
<p>Self-Response Phase</p> <p>The public is strongly encouraged to respond online. (Options for responding by phone or mail are also available.)</p>	March 12–July 31	Extended	March 12–October 31
<p>Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) and NRFU Reinterview</p> <p>Census takers will interview households in person that have not responded online, by phone, or by mail.</p>	May 13–July 31	Delayed	August 11 - October 31

<p>In-Person Group Quarters Enumeration</p> <p>Group quarters that remain a part of in-person group quarters enumeration efforts will begin in July.</p>	<p>April 2–June 5</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>July 1 - September 3</p>
<p>Service-Based Enumeration</p> <p>The Census Bureau is working with service providers at soup kitchens, shelters, and regularly scheduled food vans to count the people they serve.</p>	<p>March 30–April 1</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.</p>
<p>Census counts people experiencing homelessness Outdoors</p> <p>Census takers will count people under bridges, in parks, in all-night businesses, etc.</p>	<p>April 1</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.</p>

<p>Enumeration of Transitory Locations</p> <p>Census takers count people staying at campgrounds, RV parks, marinas, and hotels if they do not usually live elsewhere.</p>	<p>April 9–May 4</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Tentatively September 3–September 28, but may need further review and coordination.</p>
<p>Deliver apportionment counts to the President</p> <p>By law, the Census Bureau will deliver each state’s population total, which determines its number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.</p>	<p>By December 31</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Deliver by April 30, 2021</p>
<p>Deliver redistricting counts to states</p> <p>By law, the Census Bureau will deliver the local counts each state needs to complete legislative redistricting.</p>	<p>By April 1, 2021</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Deliver by July 31, 2021</p>

For a more detailed timeline update, click [here](#).