

2020 Census 101



▶ WHAT IS THE 2020 CENSUS?

The census is a simple 10 question form that happens once every decade in an attempt to count everyone who lives in the U.S. It helps determine how federal funding is given to important things like roads, schools, healthcare, business development, public safety, and other social service programs. It also ensures that our state receives equal representation in Congress, the State Legislature, and in our city governments.

▶ WHO GETS COUNTED?

Count every person living in your household on April 1st; this includes babies, children, grandparents, other relatives, roommates, and any other person living in your home who may not be related to you.

▶ WHERE SHOULD YOU BE COUNTED?

Count yourself or be counted in the place where you live and sleep most of the time. If you are unsure, count yourself where you were on April 1st.

▶ WHEN SHOULD YOU RESPOND?

Most households should have received a mailed packet from the U.S. Census Bureau with an invitation to respond. If you have not received a packet, wait to complete the form until you have one. This packet will contain a unique 12-digit ID code that you need to use when completing the form.

Around 18 percent of New Mexican households can only receive the Census form through hand-delivery and due to COVID-19, the hand delivery process was delayed. Residents who rely on hand-delivered forms can now expect to receive them throughout the months of June and July.

There is plenty of time to respond. The U.S. Census Bureau has extended the self-response timeline through October 31, 2020. If you have questions about receiving your code, please visit 2020census.gov or call (844) 330-2020.

▶ HOW CAN YOU RESPOND?

Respond online, by phone, or by mail. It can be completed over the phone in 13 different languages. It can also be completed by mail in English or Spanish. For more information, visit 2020Census.gov.

The questions are simple. All responses are confidential and protected by law.