




Options for Responding on Your Own

 **Online**
For the first time, the Census Bureau will promote online responses as the preferred approach. The Census Bureau's mailing will include an ID code for the person responding for each household to enter when they respond online. However, if respondents don't have an ID code, they can enter their home address instead.

 **Telephone**
The Census Bureau will have an 800 number people can call.

 **Paper Forms**
Paper forms will be mailed in April to households that have not responded online.

Timeline

- Jan.** Census begins in remote Alaskan communities
- Mar.** Census postcards are sent to all housing units
- Mar. 12–20** **Mailing 1:** Letter with info to take survey online (the majority of people will get this) or Letter + Paper Survey (20–25% of people based on demographic characteristics and Internet connectivity will receive this)
- Mar. 16–24** **Mailing 2:** Reminder letter sent about census participation
- Mar. 26–Apr. 3** **Mailing 3:** Postcard reminder sent to non-respondents
- Apr. 1, 2020** **Official Census Day:** Respondents do not have to wait until April 1 to respond but should include everyone who will be a "usual resident" on April 1. If people aren't sure, they can wait until April 1 to respond.
- Apr.** **Mailing 4:** Letter + paper questionnaire to non-respondents
- Apr.** **Mailing 5:** "It's not too late" postcard to non-respondents
- May–Jul.** Conduct non-response follow-up: Census enumerators visit addresses that did not complete a Census questionnaire and collect information at the door
- Dec. 31, 2020** The Census director delivers counts to the President
- Mar. 2021** The Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting counts to the states