2020 Census Timeline

Completing the Census Form

January 2020
Enumeration of remote Alaskan communities takes place

Mid-March 2020
Residents Invited to Respond – Census postcards are sent to most homes

March 12 – 20 2020
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 of a geographic area will receive this)

March 16 – 24 2020
Mailing 2: Reminder letter to non-respondents

March 26 – April 3 2020
Mailing 3: Postcard to non-respondents

April 2020
Mailing 4: Letter + questionnaire to non-respondents

April 2020
Mailing 5: “It’s not too late” postcard to non-respondents

March – August 2020
Conduct self-response

March – July 2020
Conduct Internet self-response, including non-ID processing

March – July 2020
Conduct Census questionnaire assistance

March – August 2020
Conduct paper data capture

April 1, 2020
Census Day Reference Date = where you live on April 1

Mid-April 2020
Early Non-Response Follow-up (primarily areas around colleges/universities where the population leaves before early May)

May – July 2020
Conduct non-response follow-up: Census enumerators visit addresses from the Census Master Address File that did not complete a Census questionnaire and collect information at the door

May – July 2020
Conduct non-response follow-up re-interview

June – July 2020
Conduct Group Quarters Advance Contact

July 2020
Conduct Group Quarters Service-Based Enumeration

July – August 2020
Conduct Group Quarters Enumeration

July 31, 2020
Last Day for Community Residents to Respond Online

Dec. 31, 2020
The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the president

April 2021
Publish Prototype P.L. 94-171 Data and Geographic Products

March 2021
The Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting counts to the states