

How We Count:

Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families in the 2020 Census

Responses to the 2020 Census help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed to local communities for schools, health care, and emergency services every year for the next 10 years.

Respond online, by phone, or by mail if, on April 1, 2020, you are not staying in military barracks, vessels, or other group housing, and you are:

- > Active duty, stationed in the United States, and NOT deployed outside the United States.
- > A military family member living in the United States. (Note: Do not include any spouse or other relative who is deployed outside the United States on April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau will coordinate with the Department of Defense to count those who are deployed.)
- > A veteran living in the United States.

Count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time.

A military point of contact will work with the Census Bureau to count you if, on April 1, 2020, you are:

- > Active duty, stationed in the United States, NOT deployed outside the United States, and staying in military barracks or other on-base group housing.
- > On a military vessel with a homeport in the United States.
- > A veteran staying in group housing or in hospitals on military installations.

A military representative will ensure you are counted. In most cases, they will provide you with an individual questionnaire, then collect and return them to the Census Bureau.

Department of Defense Administrative Records will be used to count you if, on April 1, 2020, you are active duty and are:

- > Deployed outside the United States. (Note: Any family members living in the United States need to respond for themselves to a census questionnaire.)
- > Stationed or assigned outside the United States. (Note: This category also includes any dependents living with you outside the United States.)
- > On a military vessel with a homeport outside the United States.

The Census Bureau will coordinate with the Department of Defense to count you.

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