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Updates to 2020 Census Operations

The U.S. Census Bureau continues to monitor the impacts COVID-19 has on 2020 Census operations and follow guidance of federal, state and local health authorities to ensure the safety our staff and the public. The Census Bureau is ready to announce resumption of other operations in addition to the Update Leave operation and fingerprinting of new hires, which are already underway, in order to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census.

As of today, over 90 million households have responded to the 2020 Census, with **over four**

in five households doing so online. People can still respond on their own online, over the phone or by mail — all without having to meet a census taker.

See Latest Updates

2020 Census Workers to Count Population Experiencing Homelessness in September

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced the new schedule for counting people experiencing homelessness in the 2020 Census. The operation was originally scheduled for March 30, March 31 and April 1, but health and safety concerns with COVID-19 forced us to delay these activities.

Between September 22 and 24, the Census Bureau now plans to send specially trained census takers to count people at shelters, soup kitchens, regularly scheduled mobile food vans, and locations previously identified by the Census Bureau where people are known to sleep outdoors (like under bridges) and at all-night businesses (such as transit stations and 24-hour laundromats). People experiencing homelessness will be counted where they are staying when census takers visit between September 22-24.

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Census COVID-19 Hub Helps Guide Pandemic Recovery

The U.S. Census Bureau has launched a new tool — dubbed the **Census COVID-19 Hub** — designed to help guide the nation as it begins recovery efforts from the sweeping COVID-19 pandemic by providing economic and demographic data.

The **COVID-19 Hub** features data on more than 30 demographic, socio-economic and housing variables from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS); the number of businesses, employment and payroll from its County Business Patterns survey (CBP); and data on self-employed people from its Nonemployer Statistics (NES) program.

To learn more about how this tool presents selected data to inform recovery efforts, **continue reading**...

COVID-19 Data Hub

Weekly Census Bureau Survey Provides Near-Real-Time Info on Households and Small Businesses

Against a backdrop of unprecedented circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau recognizes the need for accurate, real-time data on the U.S. population and economy.

The ability to understand how individuals and businesses are weathering the current crisis is critical given business disruption, stay-at-home orders, school closures, changes in the availability of consumer goods and consumer patterns, and other abrupt and significant changes to American life.

The Census Bureau is answering the call with three new and major data products.

The **Household Pulse Survey** will produce and disseminate data on these social and economic factors in near real-time each week.

The **Small Business Pulse Survey** includes information on location closings, changes in employment, disruptions in the supply chain, the use of federal assistance programs, and expectations concerning future operations.

Initially released as a quarterly, experimental product in February 2018, Business Formation Statistics now tracks trends in business applications and formations at the state, regional, and national level on a weekly basis.

To learn more about these data products and look at the BFS data visualizations, **continue reading** ...

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2020 Disclosure Avoidance System Updates

The Census Bureau is working closely with our data users as we modernize the privacy protections for the 2020 Census. We are reporting **2020 Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS)** developments here and in our digital newsletter (**Subscribe** | **Archived Issues**).

We appreciate your engagement and encourage you to email comments and suggestions to **2020DAS@census.gov**.

Response Rates are Climbing

Great progress is being made in the 2020 Census count. 60.8% of households nationwide have responded - that's 90,000,000 households! Check out the **2020 Census response rate map** to see the latest stats from your hometown and share it with your friends and family to encourage their response.

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