



HOW WILL I BE COUNTED?

Alaskans will be invited to respond to the 2020 Census in a variety of ways. The Census Bureau counts everyone in the United States on the ground where they live.

JANUARY 21, 2020: The census begins in Toksook Bay.

JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 17: Western Alaska counted in person.

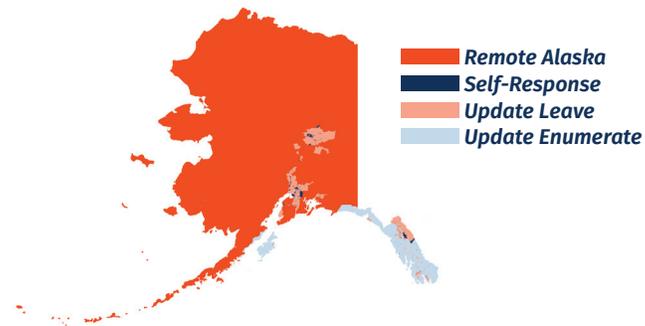
FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 17: Interior and Eastern Alaska counted in person.

MARCH 18 – APRIL 30: North Slope and Aleutians counted in person.

MARCH 2020: Online self-response and additional in-person counting begins.

APRIL 1, 2020 / NATIONAL 2020 CENSUS DAY: Non-response follow-up begins for households that didn't submit census form.

Every Alaskan Counts



Remote Alaska

People living in the most remote parts of the state will be counted in person. In Remote Alaska areas, census takers verify the location of each housing unit, knock on doors to conduct the census in person, and get their work validated by a local official. Village leaders certify the count for accuracy.

Self Response

The Census Bureau will reach many households by mail. The Postal Service delivers mail to households in Self-Response areas, such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau, and inviting households to reply online, by mail, or by phone. When a housing unit does not respond, census workers will follow up with additional mail or in person.

Update Leave

People living in medium-sized communities, such as Valdez, Bethel, and Nome, will receive hand-delivered census materials at their home. These are called Update Leave areas, where census employees verify, correct, or add the geographic coordinates of housing units as they deliver materials. When the Census Bureau does not receive a response from a housing unit, employees may follow up in person as many as six times.

Update Enumerate

Update Enumerate areas are counted in a similar way to Remote Alaska areas, except no village leader validates the count. When no one answers the door, the census taker does not follow up a second time, but seeks information from a neighbor or other proxy. In Alaska, Update Enumerate is used in Southeast Alaska, Kodiak Island, and parts of the Aleutians.



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