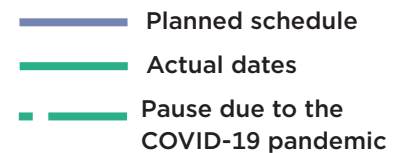


2020 Census Operational Adjustments Changes Due to COVID-19

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau adapted and shifted some of its 2020 Census operations. This table outlines the original dates planned for each of these operations as well as the actual implementation dates that resulted because of the pandemic. For more information, go to www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/operational-adjustments.html.



Operation	Adjustments ¹	2020 through 2021
Remote Alaska: Census takers enumerated residents in remote areas of Alaska before the spring thaw.	Extended 4 months.	Jan. 21–April 30 Jan. 21–Aug. 27
Self-Response: Residents self-responded online, by phone, or by mail.	Extended 2.5 months.	March 12–July 31 March 12–Oct. 15
Update Leave: Census takers delivered questionnaires to households without postal service delivery.	Paused 7 weeks, then resumed for 3 months.	March 15–April 17 March 15–18 and May 6–Aug. 13
Update Enumerate: In select remote areas, census takers updated addresses and conducted census interviews.	Paused 3 months, then resumed for 2.5 months.	March 16–April 30 March 16–18 and June 14–Aug. 31
Mobile Questionnaire Assistance: In low self-response areas, Census Bureau staff held events to answer questions about the 2020 Census.	Shifted 3.5 months.	March 24–July 31 July 6–Oct. 15
Nonresponse Followup: Census takers conducted in-person interviews with residents who had not yet responded. ²	Shifted 3 months.	April 9–July 31 July 16–Oct. 28
Group Quarters: Census Bureau staff worked with managers of group quarters (such as university student housing) to enumerate residents.	Extended 1 month.	April 1–July 31 April 1–Sept. 3
Service-Based Enumeration: Census takers counted people experiencing homelessness at places like shelters and soup kitchens.	Shifted 6 months.	March 30–April 1 Sept. 22–29
Enumeration at Transitory Locations: Census takers counted people living in transitory locations such as hotels and campgrounds.	Shifted 5 months.	April 9–May 4 Aug. 31–Sept. 29
Island Areas Censuses: Census takers enumerated residents in four U.S. territories.	Extended 4 months.	Feb. 3–June 30 Feb. 3–Nov. 3
Delivery of Apportionment Data: Census Bureau released population counts for all 50 states.	Shifted 4 months.	Dec. 28 April 26
Delivery of Redistricting Data: Census Bureau released population counts for redrawing legislative boundaries.	Shifted 6 months.	Feb. 18–March 31 Aug. 12 and Sept. 16

¹ The timeframes described as “adjustments” are approximate for illustrative purposes. The blue bars correspond to the original planned schedule, and the green bars correspond to the actual implementation dates.

² All in-field data collection ended on October 15. In-office processing continued until October 28.



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