

# First Enumeration of the 2020 Census

*The first enumeration of the 2020 Census will take place in Toksook Bay, Alaska, during January 2020.*

Alaska's vast, sparsely settled areas traditionally are the first to be counted. Local census takers must get a head start while the frozen ground allows easier access to the remote areas with unique accessibility challenges. The census takers may need to use a bush plane, dogsled, or snowmobile to access these areas. In addition, many residents leave following the spring thaw to fish and hunt or for other warm-weather jobs, making it difficult to get an accurate count in the days leading up to the April 1 Census Day.

For the last three censuses, the U.S. Census Bureau selected a remote Alaska Native village as the location of the first enumeration. Residents of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and other large Alaska cities will respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or mail in mid-March with the rest of the country.



## PAST FIRST ENUMERATION LOCATIONS:

- 2010 - Noorvik
- 2000 - Unalakleet

## WHY TOKSOOK BAY?

- The area is a part of the remote Alaska operation.
- The village is directly accessible from Bethel, a hub city.
- Approximately one-third of the Alaska Native villages are located in the Bethel area, and therefore is a good representation of a common Alaska Native village environment.
- The majority of the village is Alaskan native.

## ABOUT TOKSOOK BAY

- Located in the Yukon Delta Region, on the Bering Sea.
- 2017 population estimate: 661.
- 2010 Census population: 590.
- 94 percent Yup'ik Alaskan natives.
- About 130 housing units.
- Walking is the primary mode of transportation to work for 64.2 percent of the population.
- 2017 median household income: \$53,750.



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## THE 2020 CENSUS PROVIDES VITAL INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITIES.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries.
- Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on Census Bureau data. In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce follow up visits. And, we have built an accurate address list and automated our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

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