

Electronic Response Data Transfer (eResponse)

Preparing for the 2020 Census

For the 2018 Census Test, group quarters (GQ) facilities may choose the Electronic Response Data Transfer (eResponse) enumeration option. The eResponse period will be open for collection on July 30, 2018, and conclude on August 24, 2018.

Purpose

The eResponse enumeration method allows GQ administrators to electronically transfer GQ data to the Census Bureau.

- This enumeration method is available to specific GQ types, such as correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, and colleges and university housing.
- The data requested are GQ name, address, and respondent-level data. The respondent level data include name, sex, date of birth, age on Census Day (April 1), Hispanic origin, race, and an alternate address where the person lives or stays when not at the facility.
- The time estimated for completion is approximately 20 minutes.
- GQ administrators that elect to use the eResponse method will receive instructions and a unique User ID through the mail to gain access to the eResponse portal. After entering the User ID and setting up security questions, the system will generate a PIN. The User ID and PIN are used to log into the eResponse portal.
- The GQ administrator will download a census template, insert their GQ name, address, and respondent-level data onto the template. Once complete, the GQ administrator will upload the template.
- Uploaded data can be seen only by authorized Census workers sworn to protect Title 13 data.
- Using the User ID and PIN, the GQ administrator can visit the portal multiple times, but will be given only two opportunities to submit the completed document.
- If the template is uploaded successfully, the GQ administrator will receive immediate notification that the file has been accepted. If unsuccessful, the GQ administrator will receive an error message.
- The GQ administrator is allowed two unsuccessful attempts to submit the template.