Census 2020: Counting College Students and Other People Living in Institutions

Where people should be counted depends on where they are living on Census Day, April 1, 2020. This fact sheet describes where college students and other people living in institutions should be counted.

**College Students**

- College students living in a dormitory or an apartment owned by their college will be counted at their college, through the Group Quarters Enumeration.
- College students living at home will be counted on their parents’ census form.
- College students living off-campus, but not at their parent’s home, will receive an invitation to complete the census.

**People Living in Other Institutions and Group Settings**

- People living in:
  - Group homes,
  - Nursing homes,
  - Prisons, or
  - Other institutions

  will be counted at their institution, through the Group Quarters Enumeration.

**People Experiencing Homelessness**

- People experiencing homelessness will be counted through a special process described in the “Counting the Homeless” fact sheet, available on the Colorado Census 2020 page.

**People living in college dormitories and other institutional settings will be counted as part of the Group Quarters Enumeration.**

**Collecting Data on Group Quarters Residents**

- People living in group quarters do not complete census forms; rather the administrators of a facility submit census forms for the facility.
- These forms do not enumerate individuals living in a facility. Instead, aggregate counts of facility residents, including key demographic variables, are submitted to the Census Bureau electronically, through an in-person interview with an enumerator, or through a paper form. The Census Bureau will determine the optimal way of contacting individual facilities.

**Resources**


Additional fact sheets available for download at: [demography.dola.colorado.gov/census_2020/](demography.dola.colorado.gov/census_2020/)

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