



HOW TO BE COUNTED AS NATIVE IN THE CENSUS

Every 10 years, we count everyone in the country. This process is known as the census.

When we are all counted, we show our country that we're still here. Indian Country has historically been one of the most undercounted communities in the nation. According to Indian Country Today, Tribes lose at least \$3,000 for every person not counted, adding up to \$30,000 over 10 years. We can change this.

You can complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. You do need to answer every question. How you answer is up to you. Here's what you need to know:

- It is your right to complete the census.
- The only way to count as Native American or Alaska Native in all 2020 Census data is to **ONLY** choose the Native American or Alaska Native race box.
- Tribal affiliation is a matter of self-identification. No proof or tribal enrollment is required.
- List a Native person as "Person 1" to ensure your entire household is counted as Native.
- List all your immediate family, and include family members that may be homeless, incarcerated, staying on your couch, or youth in foster care.
- All answers are kept anonymous and used only to produce statistics.
- It is illegal for census information to be shared with your landlord, law enforcement, or other agencies.

This is our moment to join together to show that we're still here. Complete your census before July 2020 at **2020Census.gov** or by calling **844-330-2020**.

Our people count. Our nations count. And our future counts.