What NHPIs Should Know For March

The Census determines how the government spends $1.5 trillion annually, over the next 10 years. Schools, hospitals, roads, public transit, and jobs are all impacted by the Census. As one of the fastest-growing population, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) are growing in political power but our visibility and representation depends on ALL of us getting counted in the 2020 Census. It only happens once every 10 years so make sure you and your community get counted!

#AAPI2020
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
When Will I Be Able to Fill Out The Census?
(Continental U.S.)

There are multiple ways to fill out the census, but you only need to fill out the Census once.

**MARCH**

Starting [March 12th](https://example.com), households will receive a letter with a unique household ID. You can then fill out the Census online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or by calling the Census phone line (see p. 3 for language assistance). The Census Bureau will send multiple reminder letters.

**APRIL**

In April, paper forms (in English and Spanish only) will be sent to households that have not yet responded. You can fill out this form and mail it back.

**MAY**

In May, Census Bureau employees will start to visit households that have not yet responded to collect census responses in person. For more info on how to identify census takers visit: [countusin2020.org/resources](https://countusin2020.org/resources)

YOU CAN STILL DO THE CENSUS ONLINE, BY PHONE, OR BY MAIL UNTIL JULY 31.
When Will I Be Able to Fill Out The Census?
(U.S. Island Territories)

American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island

MARCH THROUGH JULY

For residence of the U.S. Island Territories, the 2020 Census will be 100% paper based and will be conducted in person only. Between March and July 2020, Census takers will contact individuals and residences to begin in person interviews. For more information on 2020 Census in U.S. Island Territories and how to identify Census takers visit:

https://2020census.gov/en/conducting-the-count/island-areas.html
How do I fill out the Census if I do not read, speak, or write English?

The paper form will only be available in English and Spanish.

You can also choose to fill out the Census online or over the phone.

For NHPI Language Assistance Guides Visit: https://www.countusin2020.org/nhpi

For NHPI Language Fact Sheets Visit: https://www.countusin2020.org/resources-nhpi
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There are resources also available in American Sign Language and there is an option to fill out the Census over the phone with a telecommunication device for the hearing impaired.

If you need more information about the Census form, there are NHPI language assistance guides in: Chamorro, Chuukese, Native Hawaiian, Marshallese, Samoan, and Tongan.
I am experiencing homelessness, how do I get counted?

From March 30–April 1, Census Bureau employees will reach out to people in shelters, soup kitchens, on the streets, and in non-sheltered locations. In addition, you can take the Census yourself and use the intersection or address of the place where you usually stay. You can take the Census online or call the Census phone line.
I am a college student, how do I get counted?

In the 2020 Census, college students should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020, including international students. For most students, that means in their college residence, not back home with their parents. (see next page for details on how to get counted)

Parents or guardians should only count their children in college if they live with them full time during the school year. They should not list college students studying or living abroad on April 1.
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**SCENARIO 1**

Students who live in campus dormitories and residence halls, university-recognized sorority and fraternity houses, or off-campus housing designed specifically for students (such as university-owned apartments) will be counted by the university administration as part of the 2020 Census Group Quarters Enumeration operation in April.

Some universities may provide an option for such students to fill out the Census themselves.

**SCENARIO 2**

Students who live in off-campus housing that is not designed specifically for students—such as a rental apartment or house—must respond to the census themselves. Residents of every housing unit should work together to fill out one questionnaire per household. They should include all roommates (non-students, too) who live and sleep in the home most of the time.
If you have any questions about the census, please visit www.countusin2020.org for more information!