Getting Counted in the 2020 Census

Everyone must be counted in the 2020 Census. Find out how you can respond today!

FOR EVERYONE

When responding, UI students should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020. For most students, that means in their college town, not their hometown with their parents. If students are away because of COVID-19, they should still be counted at their Iowa City residence.

FOR STUDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

Students who live off-campus should fill out a single form for their entire household. Roommates should fill out the form together to provide accurate information about age and identity. If you’re not sure whether to respond, respond anyway.

FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES

Students who live in university-recognized sorority and fraternity houses will be counted. A single representative of each house will be given several choices for how to count the students who live there.

FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENCE HALLS

Students who live on campus in residence halls do not need to take any action at this time. Census officials will follow up with students at a later date to collect additional data.

FOR STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

Students studying abroad on April 1, 2020, should not be counted in the 2020 Census.

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Citizens of foreign countries who are living in the United States, including members of the diplomatic community, should be counted at the U.S. residence where they live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020.

FOR PARENTS

Parents or guardians of college students are reminded to list only children who live with them full-time on their census forms. Parents should not list college students living on their college campus or studying or living abroad on April 1.

WHY IT’S IMPORTANT

Census data informs important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in local communities, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses.

Learn more at 2020CENSUS.GOV

Please submit your census forms before the end of April!