

REPORT TO HGCCC MEMBERS

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Your Ohana Counts!

Complete your Census questionnaire

Households across Hawaii and the rest of the United States are being counted in the biggest peacetime operation the U.S. government undertakes—the decennial Census. The Census, which is a once-a-decade count of every person living in the United States, determines political

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representation, fuels federal funding to the states and impacts state and local planning of roads, schools, care centers and more.

Census data are used to fund Medicare and Medicaid, housing assistance, school lunches and many other programs important to our local communities. Census data are used to forecast population and economic growth, determine the unemployment rate, estimate housing needs and study important topics like the minimum wage and the self-sufficiency income needed for Hawaii families.

Earlier in March, invitations were sent by mail to fill out the census questionnaire online or by phone. Both online and over the phone, the questionnaire will be translated into Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Japanese and Spanish and other languages. If you did not respond in two weeks, a reminder and a paper questionnaire would be mailed. If you still haven't responded by the end of April, a census taker hired by the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to make sure you're counted.

If you respond online, over the phone, or with the paper questionnaire by the week of April 20, you won't receive a knock at your door by a census worker. From May through July, though, you may still see census workers out in your neighborhood following up with neighbors who haven't responded. You can identify a census worker through their ID badge, which includes their name, photograph and a Department of Commerce watermark. They will also be carrying an official Census Bureau bag and an electronic device, such as a laptop or smartphone, with the Census Bureau logo on it.

The Census Bureau will never ask you for your Social Security number, donations, anything on behalf of a political party, or for your banking or credit card information. If you suspect fraud or a scam, call the Local Census Office in Honolulu at (808) 650-6611 to talk with a Census Bureau representative. Learn more at https://census.hawaii.gov/census_2020.

*Submitted by the Hawaii Government
Complete Count Committee*

OH LIKE ANE'OUKOU? DID YOU KNOW?

The ERS updated more than 5,000 addresses for members, former members and retirees during the second half of 2019. Help us keep your contact information current through your personnel office (active members) or by contacting the ERS (<http://ers.ehawaii.gov/resources/contact-us>). You may also submit a mailing address change form (ERS-211) by mail or by dropping it off at one of our offices. (<http://ers.ehawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/ERS-211-Mailing-Address-Change.pdf>). The mailing list is used by ERS to provide important updates, retiree tax information, the quarterly newsletter Holomua (retirees only), as well as to receive ballots for trustee elections.

Tax information follow-up

If you received benefits from the ERS during 2019, your Form 1099-R was mailed to your home address by Jan. 31. For foreign addresses, the Form 1042-S was mailed by Feb. 28. If you haven't received your form, please call our office to request a reprint. Please allow at least one week for mail delivery to a U.S. address and two weeks for delivery

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to a foreign address. If your address has changed, please provide us with a new address when requesting a duplicate form.

For those who received benefits from ERS during 2019 due to either a service-connected (work-related) disability or death, an Annual Nonreportable Benefit Notice was mailed to your home address by Jan. 31. This notice applies to the portion of your pension benefits that are considered payments in the nature of workers' compensation and, therefore, are excludable from gross income under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 104(a)(1). If a portion of your benefits are taxable, you should have received a 2019

Form 1099-R by Jan. 31.

For more information, you may want to review the Retiree FAQ section of the ERS website <http://ers.ehawaii.gov> (Retirees/Retirees FAQs) or information on the IRS website (<http://www.irs.gov>) such as IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income, and the instructions for IRS Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

To change the amount of federal taxes withheld in 2020, please complete Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments. This form is available under the Retirees > Pension Forms section of our website, or call our office to have the form mailed to you. Form W-4P may also be obtained from the IRS or downloaded from the IRS website. For Form W-4P to be valid, enter your name, address, full social security number, withholding election, and sign and date the form. Please also include your phone number and retirement date on the bottom of the form. Allow 4-6 weeks for the change to be made, and refer to the tax withholding tables for the approximate federal income taxes to be withheld.

Oahu Spring 2020 Filing Session

For Oahu members, we would like to remind you that appointments are filling up quickly for our Spring Filing Sessions. **If you plan to retire on June 1, July 1, or August 1 of 2020, you must file your application by the deadline indicated below in the "notable dates"**

FILING SESSION DATES	NOTABLE DATES
April: 1, 7, 9, 15, 17, 21, 23, 27, 29	April 1 = Last day to file for May 1
May: 1, 5, 7, 13, 15, 19, 21, 27, 29	May 1 = Last day to file for June 1
June: 1, 3, 9, 12, 16, 18, 24, 26	June 1 = Last day to file for July 1
July: 2	July 2 = Last day to file for August 1

For Neighbor Island members, please contact our staff on your island directly for an appointment.

ERS NEWSLETTER— SPRING 2020

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HAWAII COVID-19 DAILY NEWS DIGEST APRIL 2, 2020

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Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism:

Take Time to Reply to 2020 Census

Your 'ohana counts. In this time of crisis, we need to count everyone living in Hawai'i for the 2020 Census. Funding for our state government and local communities depends on the Census count. It supports public schools, student loans for college, special education, Medicaid and Medicare, roads, public housing, food assistance programs, social services, and much more.

Hawai'i's response rate has been lower than the national average: 33.9% vs. 41.3% as of April 1. Shape Hawai'i's future and respond to the 2020 Census online at my2020census.gov, call 1-844-330-2020, or return your census forms by mail.

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2020 Census Update

Community Partnership and Engagement Program Team Hawai'i

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Hawai'i Island's Census 2020 response rate is just 25.9%. Please encourage everyone to respond to this critical survey. Census has had to modify its operations due to COVID-19. Please see the attached [April 16 Census 2020 Update](#) for a Census activity timeline and instructions on submitting a response.

Thank you for your participation!

County of Hawai'i Department of Research and Development

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2020 CENSUS UPDATE

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MESSAGE TO STATE AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Aloha,

Last month, households across the country started to receive an invitation to complete the 2020 Census, which determines how many people are living in the United States.

The Governor has approved the use of state time and resources to fill out your census form. If you've not done so already, please go to <https://my2020census.gov/> and use your Census ID to fill out your census form online. You can also fill out your census form over the phone by calling 1-844-330-2020 toll-free.

Due to COVID-19, many households in Hawaii who receive their mail via P.O. Box have not yet received their invitation to respond to the census. This is because invitations are hand-delivered to their physical addresses in a process called Update Leave, which is being delayed until June 13. **The Census Bureau is currently asking households who have not yet received their invitations to wait until their invitations arrive in June before filling out their census forms online or over the phone, especially for households that have Rural Route addresses.** Self-response will continue through October 31, 2020, so every household in Hawaii will still be counted.

The Hawaii Government Complete Count Committee has created a Guide to the 2020 Census to help answer questions you may have about the 2020 Census. View the guide at http://census.hawaii.gov/census_2020/guide/.

HAWAII COUNTY UPDATE LEAVE TRACTS

2010 Census Tract	Name	% Housing Units Update Leave (UL)	Estimated UL Housing Units
County	Hawaii County	41.1	35,815
210.05	Hawaiian Paradise Park	100.0	4,560
212.02	Kau	99.9	4,167
	Upper Puna (Puna Mauka)		
210.1		100.0	3,906
210.03	Orchidland-Ainaloa	100.0	2,646
211.01	Kalapana-Kapoho	99.9	2,227
218	North Kohala	85.5	2,202
210.11	Volcano-Mt. View	100.0	2,015
211.06	Pahoa	49.2	1,735
213	South Kona	55.8	1,590
201	Paukaa-Wailea	72.6	1,578
217.04	Kawaihae-Waikoloa	20.1	1,259

2010 Census Tract	Name	% Housing Units Update Leave (UL)	Estimated UL Housing Units
214.02	Konawaena	75.5	1,142
210.13	Keaau	60.4	1,134
215.02	Hualalai	55.0	1,100
219.02	Honokaa-Kukuihaele	75.4	1,090
217.02	Waimea-Puu Anahulu	26.9	1,023
221.02	North Hilo	100.0	857
220	Paauhau-Paauilo	74.3	776
215.07	Kalaoa	10.0	441
216.04	Holualoa	3.9	187
215.09	Kaumalumu-Keauhou	4.8	170
	Hilo: Upper Waiakea		
202.02	Forest Reserve	1.0	7
206	Hilo: Keaukaha-Panaewa	0.1	2

KAUAI COUNTY UPDATE LEAVE TRACTS

2010 Census Tract	Name	% Housing Units Update Leave (UL)	Estimated UL Housing Units
County	Kauai County	42.3	13,032
405	Lihue	100.0	2,623
409	Kekaha-Waimea	100.0	2,311
407	Eleele-Kalaheo	60.4	2,035
408	Kaumakani-Hanapepe	100.0	1,326
9400	Anahola	82.8	1,162
406.03	Koloa-Poipu	54.2	1,113
401.04	Haena-Hanalei	100.0	886
401.03	Princeville-Kilauea	16.8	699
406.04	Omao-Kukuiula	21.0	343
402.05	Wailua Homesteads	15.6	339
404	Puhi-Hanamaulu	4.9	150
412	Niihau-Kaula 3/	100.0	35
402.04	Wailua Houselots	0.5	11

HONOLULU COUNTY UPDATE LEAVE TRACTS

2010 Census Tract	Name	% Housing Units Update Leave (UL)	Estimated UL Housing Units	2010 Census Tract	Name	% Housing Units Update Leave (UL)	Estimated UL Housing Units
County	Honolulu County	2.1	7,381	99.04	Kaena Point	4.5	95
				102.02	Laie	5.0	74
108.02	Mokapu East	80.5	1,565	80.03	Manana	3.4	62
68.04	Aliamanu Crater	77.5	1,215	63.02	Kalena Drive	7.2	49
83.01	Iroquois Point	72.5	1,135	90	Wheeler-East Range	5.0	49
95.02	Menoher Street	38.0	531	80.02	Lower Waiau	5.8	48
	Hangar Avenue-Vickers Avenue			69	Arizona Road	3.7	46
73.02		22.2	411	66	Kahauiki Street	17.4	38
74	Ford Island	29.7	279	67.02	Red Hill	2.3	28
95.07	Schofield: McCarthy Field	26.7	257	70	Navy Marine Golf Course	1.6	27
71	Nimitz Elementary School	26.3	252	86.14	Kunia West	0.5	16
95.01	Kolekole Avenue	12.7	216	85.02	Kalaeloa	1.8	14
100	Kawailoa	13.8	210	101	Waimea-Kahuku	0.4	12
75.06	Red Hill Military Housing	100.0	192	108.01	Mokapu West	1.1	9
102.01	Hauula-Kaaawa	9.6	190	97.03	Lualualei-Camp Waianae	0.2	3
67.01	Tripler-Moanalua	6.8	132	75.02	Halawa Valley	80.0	2
77.01	Lower Aiea	9.7	115		Waimanalo Beach-		
91	Kaukonahua Road	8.7	106	9400.01	Homesteads	0.2	2

MAUI COUNTY UPDATE LEAVE TRACTS

2010 Census Tract	Name	% Housing Units Update Leave (UL)	Estimated UL Housing Units
County	Maui County (includes Kalawao County)	9.2	6,664
317	East Molokai	100.0	2,194
316.01	Lanai	99.9	1,541
318.01	West Molokai	100.0	1,480
301	Hana	97.7	790
302.01	Huelo	33.0	314
303.01	Kula	3.5	136
302.02	Haiku	2.0	64
305.01	Paia	4.0	39
315.02	Honokahua	0.3	10
304.02	Pukalani	0.1	3
319	Kalawao	100.0	92

CURRENT RESPONSE RATES

Geography	2020 Response Rate (as of April 20, 2020)	Estimated Percent Update Leave
United States	51.0%	4.5%
State of Hawaii	44.8%	11.7%
Hawaii County	27.1%	41.1%
Honolulu County	51.4%	2.1%
Kalawao County	4.0%	100.0%
Kauai County	35.4%	42.3%
Maui County	36.7%	9.1%

Census Bureau Update

Census Bureau Partnership Specialist Team

Hawaii Community Foundation Update

Robbie Kane

With meal and food deliveries



HAWAI'I COUNTS!

The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds Hawai'i receives each year for programs and services that are critical for our community, such as:

- Schools
- Child care subsidies
- Continuing education grants and loans
- Kupuna nutrition programs
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Emergency, Disaster Preparedness, and Response
- First Responders, like our Fire Fighters
- And more!

Responding to the 2020 Census is an easy, safe and important way we can help provide resources for our families and communities for the next 10 years.

Most households should have already received a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau about participating in the 2020 Census. However, if your household has not you can still respond even without it. There are three ways to do this – all without having to meet a Census taker:



ONLINE

<https://2020census.gov/>



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PHONE

1-844-330-2020

For more information, visit [HawaiiCounts.org](https://hawaiicounts.org) or text OHANA to 808.650.7744. Message and data rates may apply. Text EXIT at any time to opt out.

LET'S MAKE SURE HAWAI'I COUNTS!

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Census counts help to fund:

- Food assistance programs (SNAP + WIC)
- Public Housing and Section 8 Housing
- Free school breakfast and lunch
- Medicaid, Medicare and Health Clinics
- Head Start and special education
- Highway planning and construction

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WHY

An accurate 2020 Census is required to ensure that each Hawai'i community receives its fair share of federal funds to support the planning of various needs and initiatives, including

WHEN

Beginning **March 12, 2020**, every household in Hawai'i will receive an invitation to participate in the Census. Participants will be able to respond online, by phone or by mail. From late April through July, census takers will go door-to-door to gather responses from households that have not yet responded.

HOW

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on **April 1, 2020**. Strict federal laws protect all Census responses; data collected can only be used for statistical purposes.

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YOUR CHILD COUNTS!

The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds Hawai'i receives each year for programs and services that are critical for our schools, students, and younger children, such as:

- Special education
- Head Start
- After-school programs
- Classroom technology
- Food assistance, including free and reduced-price breakfast and school lunches
- And more!

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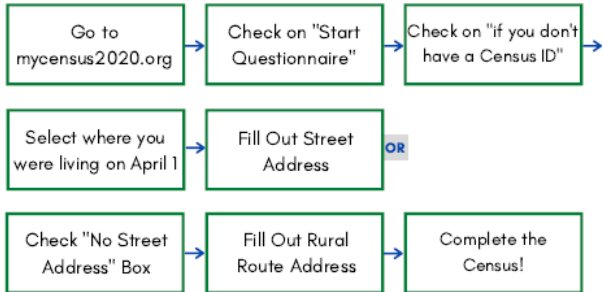
There are some households in Hawaii who have not yet received information about the 2020 Census because field operations have been postponed due to COVID-19. We haven't forgotten you! Operations will start up again as soon as it's safe for everyone. If you already have your code or you have a physical address you can use, please respond online or by phone. If you have not yet received your code, please wait for it. If you want to respond without it, please know that a census worker may need to contact you later to verify your address.



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HOW-TO RESPOND ONLINE:



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