CENSUS 2020 QUESTIONNAIRE TIPS

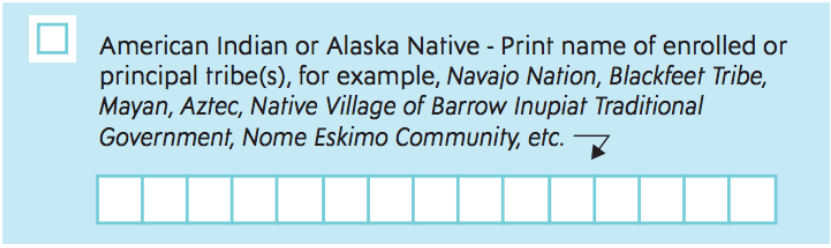
RACE & TRIBAL AFFILIATION

BE COUNTED

Steps to make sure to be counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native on the Census 2020 questionnaire!

To be counted as an AI/AN household depends entirely on the race of "Person 1" - the first person listed on the Census 2020 questionnaire. If Person 1 says that he or she is AI/AN, then the household is counted as having an AI/AN householder.

Check the box on Question 9 "What is Person 1's Race?" to indicate that you are American Indian or Alaska Native on the Census 2020 questionnaire. Checking the box is a matter of self-identification. No proof is required. No one will ask you to show a tribal enrollment card or a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).



Make sure to write in the full name of your enrolled or principal tribe(s) if applicable, even if it takes up more than the space provided.

Please list the full name of your Tribe, Band, or Rancheria to ensure that you are accurately counted.

Important Note: Tribal enrollment, and the right to determine the citizenship or membership of a tribe, is a fundamental right of tribal sovereignty and is not determined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The only way to ensure that you are included in all the Census counts as AI/AN is to check just that ONE box on the form.

OPTION TO CHECK MULTIPLE RACE BOXES FOR CENSUS 2020

The option to check off multiple races means that an AI/AN person can identify as both Native and as a member of another race, such as white, Black, or Asian.

If you check the box for AI/AN, and do not check other boxes on the race question, you will be counted in the "American Indian Alone" category in analyses of Census data.

If you check the box for American Indian or Alaska Native and check one or more races, you will be counted in the "American Indian Alone or in Combination" category in analyses of Census data.

More Information

For more information on the Census 2020 Question on Race, visit http://bit.ly/CensusAIANRaceQuestion.