

Hello everyone.

Welcome to my passion project for the last two years. Census 2020! I have been meeting with community groups and Census officials since early 2019 to try to find a way to ensure that our clients will be counted in this year's census. Participation in the Census is integral to make sure that the communities we serve are represented and receive needed resources. It will impact resources such as school and hospitals, sanitation and police, even representation in Congress and the State Legislature. And by recording our clients who are undomiciled as part of the Census, the federal government will get a clear picture of just how many people are in need of services such as the ones we provide.

I'm hoping we can start making the Census part of our daily outreach efforts. I asked the DIC to do a test run (thank you, Mark and Stephanie and Kathleen) and you are able to respond to the Census without a permanent address. Domiciled folks were sent a Census notice in the mail with a unique Census ID that is connected to their address. But if a person didn't receive this, for whatever reason, they can fill out the Census form without the code.

And please note, there was a lot of talk last year about the federal government including a question about immigration status/citizenship. This question was found unconstitutional and is not included in the Census. **Everyone can fill this out regardless of their immigration status.**

Step 1: Go to <https://my2020census.gov/> and click on Start Questionnaire.

Step 2: The log-in page will come up and ask for a 12-digit Census ID. You would click on the "If you do not have a Census ID" link (see below).

Please Log In

Use the materials we mailed to you or left at your door.
All the information that you provide will remain confidential.

[Where can I find my 12-digit Census ID?](#)

Please enter the 12-digit Census ID found in the materials we mailed to you or left at your door.

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Login

[If you do not have a Census ID, click here.](#) ←

Step 3: Click the button indicating that the client lived in "A U.S. state or the District of Columbia" as of April 1, 2020.

Step 4: Click the box that indicates "I do not have a street address."

Where were you living on April 1, 2020? [\(Help\)](#)

Please provide a complete street address for your residence. Provide the street address you would use to have a package delivered directly to your residence, not a rural route or P.O. Box address used for mailing purposes. A street address is the most helpful for processing your response.

Address Number <i>Ex: 101</i>	Street Name <i>Ex: N Main St</i>	Apt/Unit <i>Ex: Apt 23</i>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	State	ZIP Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

I do not have a street address ←

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Step 5: It will then ask if your address is on a Rural Route. It is not. And then the next screen asks for information about where the person is staying. You can fill out like the below, changing the borough accordingly and choosing a zip code near where the client is located.

Please provide a city and state, or ZIP Code where you were living on April 1, 2020. [\(Help\)](#)

Also, describe the physical location in the space provided.

City	State	ZIP Code
<input type="text" value="Brooklyn"/>	<input type="text" value="New York"/>	<input type="text" value="11226"/>

Please provide as much information as possible.

For example:

- a location description such as "The apartment over the gas station" or "The brick house with the screened porch on the northeast corner of Farm Road and HC 46" or
- a name of a park, street intersection or shelter, if you were experiencing homelessness on April 1, 2020, as well as the name of the city and state. For example: "Friendship Park in Anywhere, PA."

And then next screen will ask for the client's name and phone number. If the client doesn't have a phone number, or would prefer not to give it, they can use the BKN office number (718.360.8000). And they do not have to give their legal name if they do not want to. They can give a nickname

And then it will take you through the remaining questions about the person's household and their personal demographics. The questions are minimally invasive and do not take more than a couple of minutes to complete. There is an option to not answer question if the client isn't comfortable answering all of them.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to get our clients counted. It might feel like a small thing, but everyone being counted can make a world of difference. Go forth and count!