2020 Census Response Deadline: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the deadline to respond to the 2020 Census?
The deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is October 15, 2020. See below for specifics on modes of response.

When does online response end?

When does phone response end?
Phone response will be available through October 15, 2020. English and Spanish options will be available from 7 a.m. EDT on October 15, 2020 to 2 a.m. EDT on October 16, 2020. Non-English, non-Spanish options will be available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT on October 15, 2020. The schedule and a list of numbers is available at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>.

When do paper response forms have to be postmarked and received by the Census Bureau to be processed?
Paper response forms must be postmarked by October 15, 2020, and received by the Census Bureau no later than October 22, 2020.

What is the last day for census takers to follow up with households that haven’t responded?
Nonresponse follow-up census takers will continue resolving nonresponding addresses through the end of the day on October 15, 2020. We will pull any remaining data from enumerator devices at 11 p.m. local time, giving ample time for final cases to be completed before then.

What is the last day for Mobile Questionnaire Assistance?
Census Bureau staff will be available at Mobile Questionnaire Assistance events around the country through October 15, 2020.