



Why is counting young children important?

Newborn babies and young children under five are often missed in the census. The 2020 Census helps determine which areas qualify for the critical resources that children and families depend on for the next ten years. Examples of resources include:

- › Food assistance
- › Head Start
- › Childcare
- › Housing support
- › Public schools
- › Early intervention services for children with special needs
- › Children's health insurance

Knowing how many children there are and where they live is essential in getting needed services to them. That's why it's important for every child, even newborns, to be counted.

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Shape the future of all Arizona children.

Young children experience new adventures each day, and little ones need all the support they can get during these early years. If you have children in your home, make sure they are counted during the 2020 Census.

Live and sleep

Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents don't live there.

Divided time

If a child's time is divided between more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, or you don't know where they stay most often, count them where they are staying on Census Day—April 1, 2020.

New address

If a child's family (or guardian) is moving during March or April 2020, count them at the address where they are living on April 1, 2020.

Temporary home

Count children in your home if they don't have a permanent place to live and are staying in your home on April 1, 2020, even if they are only staying with you temporarily.

Newborn babies

Count newborn babies at the home where they will live and sleep most of the time, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.

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