

2020 Post-Census Group Quarters Review



The 2020 Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR) provides a mechanism for governmental units in the United States and Puerto Rico to request that the U.S. Census Bureau review their population counts of group quarters they believe were not correctly counted as of April 1, 2020.

If the review process finds discrepancies in these population counts supported by sufficient documentation, approved revisions to the group quarters population will be provided to the Population Estimates Program. These updates will be incorporated into the next population base that the production schedule allows. The population estimates developed from the updated population base will also be used by the American Community Survey and the Puerto Rico Community Survey as survey controls so the population totals from the survey conform to the updated population estimates. Governmental units include tribal, state, and local officials or their designated representatives.

Please note that the 2020 PCGQR does not constitute a recount for the 2020 Census. For example, neither the 2020 Census data products and counts delivered to the President for apportionment, nor the 2020 Census Public Law 94-171 Redistricting Data Files and Geographic Products will be updated as a result of the 2020 PCGQR.

A group quarters is a place where people live or stay in a group living arrangement that is owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and/or services for the residents. These services may include custodial or medical care as well as other types of assistance, and residency is commonly restricted to those receiving these services. This is not a typical household-type living arrangement. People living in group quarters are usually not related to each other. Group quarters include such places as college/university student housing, residential treatment centers, nursing/skilled-nursing facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, and workers' group living quarters, and job corps centers.

Governmental units with questions about their population counts can use the 2020 PCGQR process to request a review of the population count of group quarters that existed and were available for occupancy on April 1, 2020, and is consistent with the 2020 Census Residence Criteria and Residence Situations and additional guidance provided by the Census Bureau due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Can 2020 PCGQR alter the redistricting data, apportionment results, or other 2020 Census data products?

- 2020 PCGQR does not change official 2020 Census data and data products.
- 2020 PCGQR does not impact or change the overall population in a state's apportionment count or the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How will 2020 PCGQR corrections be provided and used?

- If the Census Bureau makes updates, the updates will be provided to the Population Estimates Program for incorporation into the next population base that the production schedule allows. Updates to the total group quarters population will be reflected in the population estimates developed from this base.
- The population estimates developed from the updated population base will also be used by the American Community Survey and the Puerto Rico Community Survey as survey controls so the population totals from the survey conform to the updated population estimates.

Who can submit a review request through this operation?

- 2020 PCGQR requests can only be submitted by the highest elected or appointed officials (or their representative) of federally recognized American Indian tribes, states, counties, incorporated places, actively functioning minor civil divisions, municipios in Puerto Rico, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, and Alaska Native Village statistical areas.

Will the Census Bureau publish a list of filed 2020 PCGQR requests on the 2020 Census website?

- As the Census Bureau concludes work on cases, it will publish updated lists of requests on www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/pcgqr.html typically within 90 days of receiving inquiries. In compliance with Title 13, the Census Bureau will not be able to disclose specific details about the requests.
- The Census Bureau will respond to all 2020 PCGQR case requests received, even if the request is out of scope.

What is the schedule for the 2020 PCGQR operation?

- In May 2022, the Census Bureau will notify the 40,000 tribal, state, and local governments in the United States about the 2020 PCGQR operation and provide more information about how to participate.
- The Census Bureau will begin accepting 2020 PCGQR cases June 6, 2022. The deadline for submitting a case is June 30, 2023.
- The Census Bureau will provide results on a rolling basis through September 30, 2023. Results will be provided to the highest elected or appointed official of all affected governments.
- Updated information can be found at www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/pcgqr.html.