Every ten years, the U.S. government conducts a Census [1] to determine the number of people living in the country – including non-US citizens.

Even if you are temporarily outside of the U.S. due to COVID-19, you still count! Every person residing in the U.S. regardless of citizenship or immigration status should be counted in the Census, so we all have a role to play in reaching this important goal.

Even though most students are not currently living in New Haven, the Census Bureau has advised that Yale students should still be counted in New Haven. This is crucial to ensure that New Haven gets the resources and funding it needs.

Please review this updated video from the U.S. Census to explain What College Students Need to Know to Be Counted in the Right Place [2].

Here’s how:
• If you live on-campus in any Yale-owned residence hall you will be counted as part of Yale’s Group Quarters enumeration procedure. You should fill out the Census individual form online using your residential college or old campus address. You can do this by going to www.2020Census.gov[3] and selecting “If you do not have a Census ID, click here.”

• If you live off-campus in any non-Yale-owned building you should respond to the Census at www.2020census.gov[4]. If you have already received a 12-digit Census ID in the mail, you should enter it when prompted. If you have not received your Census ID in the mail please continue by selecting, “If you do not have a Census ID, click here.” Note that one person per household can complete the Census for the entire household. We ask that you be in contact with your roommates to determine who should respond to the Census.
YALE STUDENTS:
HOW TO TAKE THE CENSUS

What is the census?
The Census is a survey administered by the U.S. Government to get an accurate count of all its residents. It asks simple demographic questions, and takes less than five minutes to complete. Occurring every ten years, it allows federal, state and local governments to have complete data about its residents.

Why does it matter?
The census determines how resources are allocated to states and municipalities, which is why it’s essential that Yale students participate in the Census. We need to be counted in New Haven so that the city can receive the resources it needs to support our residency.

Who should participate in the census?
ALL YALE STUDENTS, including international students, should participate in the census.

How do you participate in the census?
Yale students should fill out the census SEPARATELY FROM THEIR FAMILIES, and indicate that they spend the majority of their time in New Haven. This can most easily be done online.

On campus students should use their residential college or old campus address, and indicate that they live alone. Off campus students should only submit one census per household, and list the number of people who live with them.

If you have received a Census ID, use it when you fill out the Census online. Otherwise, select “If you do not have a Census ID, click here” on the Census website. Most Yale students have not received a Census ID.

Link to begin:
https://my2020census.gov/login

The census has already begun!
The Census has already begun and will continue through April. Responses should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably in the first two weeks of April.

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