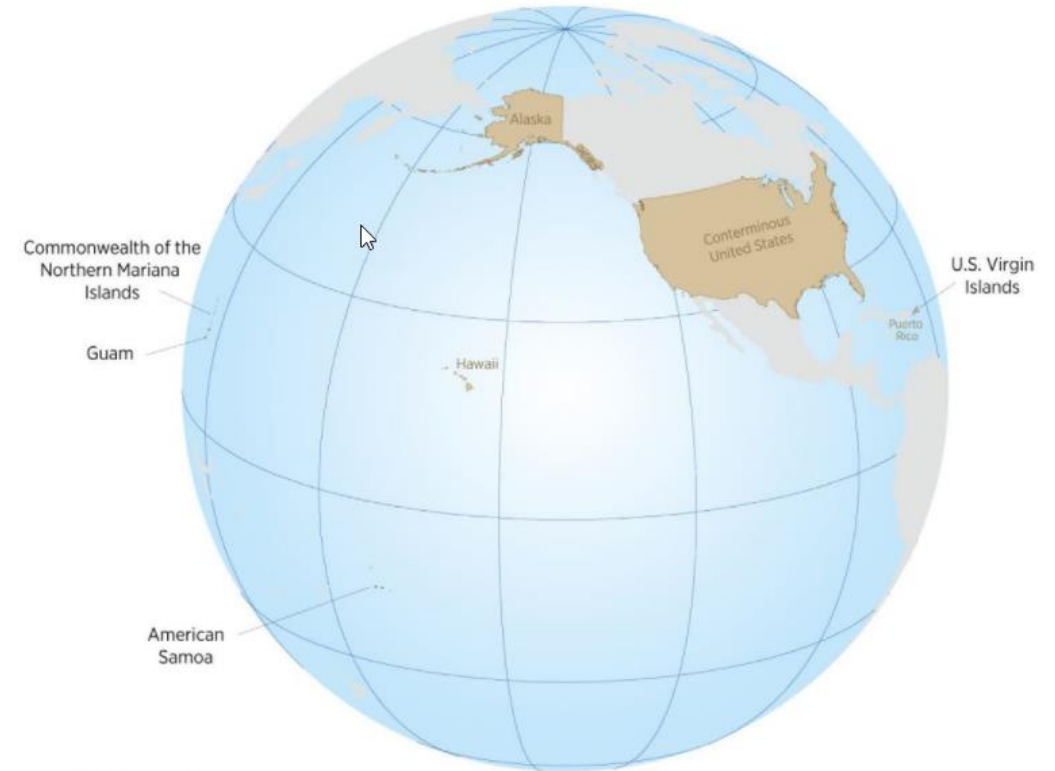


2020 Island Areas Censuses

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Why We Conduct the Decennial Census in the Island Areas



The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the nation's population be taken every 10 years. Title 13 of the U.S. Code authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (delegated to the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau) to undertake the decennial census.

The geographic scope of the decennial census is specified in Title 13 U.S.C., Section 191 as covering the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands*, and “as may be determined by the Secretary, such other possessions and areas over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty.” The latter authority of the Secretary includes American Samoa.

Overview of the Island Areas Censuses

- Census Bureau partnered with Island Areas local governments to conduct the 2020 Censuses of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- This partnership was established through a contract between the Census Bureau and the Governor of each Island Area.
- The Census Bureau provided funds, methodology, data collection instruments/materials, IT infrastructure, and on-site Census Advisors for oversight.
- Island Areas governments were responsible for conducting the data collection activities, including hiring office and field staff.
- Each Island Area governor named a local government organization to carry out the data collection activities.
- Five Island Area Census Offices were established: three in the Pacific Island Areas, and two in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Contracts were signed in December 2018 and closed out on January 31, 2021.

Data Collection Methodology

- The 2020 Island Areas Censuses were initially designed with a paper-based, in-person enumeration methodology to collect high-quality data. Data collection operations included Address Listing, Enumeration, and Quality Control.
- During Address Listing, trained field staff identified and listed every place where people could live or stay.
- During Enumeration, trained field staff conducted in-person interviews with respondents using a paper questionnaire.
- Quality control measures were incorporated throughout each phase of the operation.
- In March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Island Areas paused operations due to Island Area government stay at home orders and/or social distancing guidance.
- The primary method of enumeration continued to be in-person interviews using a paper questionnaire once operations resumed in June 2020.
- A supplemental in-bound telephone data collection option was offered to respondents to mitigate COVID-19 concerns.

2020 Island Areas Censuses Subjects

Demographic Characteristics	Social Characteristics	Economic Characteristics	Housing Characteristics
Age	Ancestry	Commuting	Acreage & Agricultural Sales
Race/Ethnicity	Disability	Health Insurance	Computer & Internet Use
Relationship	Fertility	Income	Home Value & Rent
Sex	Grandparent Caregivers	Industry, Occupation & Class of Worker	Plumbing Facilities, Kitchen Facilities & Telephone Service
	Language Spoken at Home	Labor Force Status	Selected Monthly Owner Costs
	Marital Status & Marital History	Work Status Last Year	Sewage Disposal
	Migration / Residence Five Years Ago		Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
	Parent's Place of Birth		Source of Water
	Place of Birth, Citizenship & Year of Entry		Tenure
	Reason for Migration		Units in Structure, Rooms & Bedrooms
	School Enrollment, Educational Attainment & Undergraduate Field of Degree		Vehicles Available
	Veteran Status, Period of Service & VA Service-Connected Disability Rating		Year Built & Year Moved In

2020 Island Areas Population and Housing Counts

2020 Population of Island Areas Just Under 339,000

Geographic Area	Population		Change (2020 less 2010)		Total Housing Units		Change (2020 less 2010)	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total for Island Areas	338,021	375,165	-37,144	-9.9	138,909	138,281	628	0.4
American Samoa	49,710	55,519	-5,809	-10.5	11,807	10,963	844	7.7
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	47,329	53,883	-6,554	-12.2	18,290	20,850	-2,560	-12.3
Guam	153,836	159,358	-5,522	-3.5	51,555	50,567	988	2
U.S. Virgin Islands	87,146	106,405	-19,259	-18.1	57,257	55,901	1,356	2.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [First 2020 Census U.S. Island Areas Data Released Today](#)

2020 Island Areas Population and Housing Counts: American Samoa

Geographic Area	Population		Change (2020 less 2010)		Total Housing Units		Change (2020 less 2010)	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
American Samoa	49,710	55,519	-5,809	-10.5	11,807	10,963	844	7.7
Eastern District	17,059	23,030	-5,971	-25.9	4,041	4,490	-449	-10.0
Manu'a District	832	1,143	-311	-27.2	356	376	-20	-5.3
Rose Island	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X
Swains Island	0	17	-17	-100.0	0	7	-7	-100.0
Western District	31,819	31,329	490	1.6	7,410	6,090	1,320	21.7

X = Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [2020 Island Areas Censuses: American Samoa](#)

2020 Island Areas Population and Housing Counts: CNMI

Geographic area	Population		Change (2020 less 2010)		Total Housing Units		Change (2020 less 2010)	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
CNMI	47,329	53,883	-6,554	-12.2	18,290	20,850	-2,560	-12.3
Northern Islands Municipality	7	0	7	X	10	0	10	X
Rota Municipality	1,893	2,527	-634	-25.1	912	1,049	-137	-13.1
Saipan Municipality	43,385	48,220	-4,835	-10.0	16,523	18,683	-2,160	-11.6
Tinian Municipality	2,044	3,136	-1,092	-34.8	845	1,118	-273	-24.4

X = Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [2020 Island Areas Censuses: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands \(CNMI\)](#)

2020 Island Areas Population and Housing Counts: Guam

Geographic area	Population		Change (2020 less 2010)		Total Housing Units		Change (2020 less 2010)	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Guam	153,836	159,358	-5,522	-3.5	51,555	50,567	988	2.0
Agana Heights municipality	3,673	3,808	-135	-3.5	1,210	1,261	-51	-4.0
Agat municipality	4,515	4,917	-402	-8.2	1,472	1,508	-36	-2.4
Asan municipality	2,011	2,137	-126	-5.9	714	751	-37	-4.9
Barrigada municipality	7,956	8,875	-919	-10.4	2,533	2,650	-117	-4.4
Chalan Pago-Ordot municipality	7,064	6,822	242	3.5	2,129	2,111	18	0.9
Dededo municipality	44,908	44,943	-35	-0.1	13,651	12,829	822	6.4
Hagåtña municipality	943	1,051	-108	-10.3	407	396	11	2.8
Inarajan municipality	2,317	2,273	44	1.9	605	607	-2	-0.3
Mangilao municipality	13,476	15,191	-1,715	-11.3	4,656	4,466	190	4.3
Merizo municipality	1,604	1,850	-246	-13.3	471	463	8	1.7
Mongmong-Toto-Maite municipality	6,380	6,825	-445	-6.5	2,277	2,297	-20	-0.9
Piti municipality	1,585	1,454	131	9.0	578	571	7	1.2
Santa Rita municipality	6,470	6,084	386	6.3	1,956	1,808	148	8.2
Sinajana municipality	2,611	2,592	19	0.7	836	917	-81	-8.8
Talofofo municipality	3,550	3,050	500	16.4	988	900	88	9.8
Tamuning municipality	18,489	19,685	-1,196	-6.1	8,692	9,022	-330	-3.7
Umatac municipality	647	782	-135	-17.3	177	191	-14	-7.3
Yigo municipality	19,339	20,539	-1,200	-5.8	6,360	5,887	473	8.0
Yona municipality	6,298	6,480	-182	-2.8	1,843	1,932	-89	-4.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [2020 Island Areas Censuses: Guam](#)

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2020 Island Areas Population and Housing Counts: U.S. Virgin Islands

Geographic area	Population		Change (2020 less 2010)		Total Housing Units		Change (2020 less 2010)	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
U.S. Virgin Islands	87,146	106,405	-19,259	-18.1	57,257	55,901	1,356	2.4
St. Croix Island	41,004	50,601	-9,597	-19.0	25,470	25,275	195	0.8
St. John Island	3,881	4,170	-289	-6.9	3,645	3,453	192	5.6
St. Thomas Island	42,261	51,634	-9,373	-18.2	28,142	27,173	969	3.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [2020 Island Areas Censuses: U.S. Virgin Islands](#)

Remarks

- Additional data products including detailed person level data and housing characteristics will be released in the future and released on the Census Bureau's website.
- Although conducting the census during a global pandemic presented unusual challenges, we were successful due to a strong partnership between the Census Bureau and the Island Area governments.
- Congratulations to each Island Area government for successfully completing data collection for the 2020 Census.
- Special thanks to the Department of Interior for support during the 2020 Census operation and intercensal years!

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