

About the Census

Counting Group Quarters

A group quarter is a facility that is the usual place of residence (voluntary or not) for groups of people. Examples include military barracks, college dormitories, long-term nursing homes, prisons, juvenile detention centers and shelters for abused women. The 2010 Census will conduct a special enumeration between April '10 and May '10 of people living in group quarters. The following is a list of how different kinds of group quarters are enumerated.

Who is counted at hospitals, prisons or other institutions?

YES Extended care patients in hospitals or wards

YES Inmates in prisons

YES Residents of orphanages, detention centers or other institutions

NO Short-term patients and newborns are counted at their usual residence (the place where they live and sleep most of the time). Newborn babies are counted at the residence in which they will be living.

Who is counted at non-institutional quarters?

YES Residents of non-institutional group quarters **without any other usual residence** (e.g. convents, college dormitories, military barracks)

NO Residents of non-institutional group quarters **who have a usual residence apart from the quarters**. These people are counted at their usual residence.

Who is counted at their US-based military base?

YES Military members who **live and sleep on their military base**.

NO Military members **who live and sleep somewhere off-base**. These people are counted at their off-base usual residence.

NO Military members who are stationed at an overseas location on Census Day. These soldiers will be counted, in cooperation with the Defense Department, at their overseas base and be allocated back to their home of record (where they enlisted in the armed forces) for purposes of congressional apportionment only.