

Overview of 2010 Group Quarters Operations

January 2010

Group Quarters Validation (September 28, 2009 to October 23, 2009)

The primary objective of the Group Quarters Validation (GQV) operation is to determine if an Other Living Quarter (OLQ) listed in Address Canvassing is a Group Quarters (GQ), Housing Unit (HU), transitory location, or nonresidential address. Census workers visit each address that was considered as an OLQ in Address Canvassing. If the living quarter is a GQ, they collect additional information about that address. All addresses determined to be GQs fall into the next operation, which is Group Quarters Advance Visit (GQAV).

- The Group Quarters Validation Questionnaire (D-351 (GQV)) is used to collect data for this operation. This questionnaire is administered at the GQ level.

Group Quarters Advance Visit (February 1, 2010 to March 19, 2010)

All addresses that are categorized as a group quarter will fall into the Group Quarters Advance Visit (GQAV) operation. The primary objective of GQAV operation is to verify and update the Census Bureau's information on group quarters collected during the Group Quarters Validation operation. An advance visit is a preparatory visit to the group quarter to confirm and explain the procedures for the upcoming Group Quarters Enumeration and Service-Based Enumeration operations. A Census worker will contact the group quarter to set up a meeting to:

- Provide the Confidentiality Notice.
- Ask for expected population at the time of enumeration.
- Schedule best date for conducting the enumeration.

Service-Based Enumeration (March 29, 2010 to March 31, 2010)

The Service-Based Enumeration (SBE) is conducted at service locations and targeted non-sheltered outdoor locations to provide an opportunity for people experiencing homelessness to be included in the census. These service locations include: shelters for people experiencing homelessness, soup kitchens, regularly scheduled mobile food vans.

- The Individual Census Report (D-20) is used to collect data for individuals during the SBE operation.

Group Quarters Enumeration (April 1, 2010 to May 14, 2010)

The primary objective of the 2010 Census Group Quarters Enumeration (GQE) operation is to enumerate people residing in a Group Quarters as of April 1. 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. This is not a typical household-type living arrangement. 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. People living in group quarters are usually not related to each other. Group quarters include such places as college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled nursing facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, and workers' dormitories. The enumeration of domestic violence shelters is also conducted from April 1 through April 15 if the shelter is identified to the Census Bureau.

- The Individual Census Report (D-20) is used to collect data for individuals during the GQE operation.