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Percentage of Ohio children living in complex households

FAQs:

Who should fill out the census?

One person should fill out the census for every home that has its own physical address.

Who should be counted?

Babies and children of all ages should be counted in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents do not live there.

What if time spent at two homes is evenly divided?

Count where the child will be staying on April 1, 2020.

What if the child does not have a permanent residence?

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