

ABOUT 2010 CENSUS

What is a census count?

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

Who gets counted in the census?

Everyone. All residents of the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.

When does the census take place?

Every 10 years. The next census occurs in 2010. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010.

Where will the questionnaire be mailed?

Everywhere in the U.S. People should be counted where they live and sleep most of the year.

Why is this done?

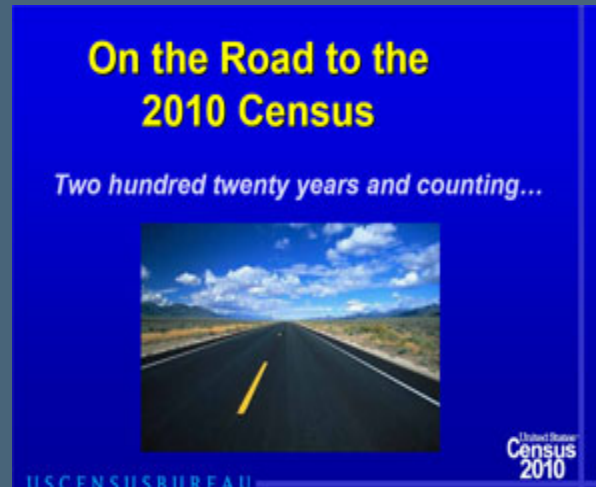
The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States.

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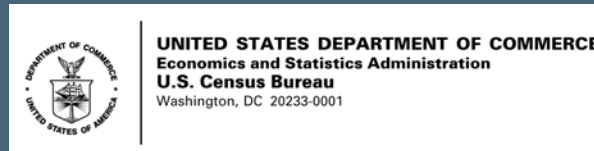
Questionnaires will be mailed to your house in March 2010. A second form will be mailed to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire. Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker.

For more information about the 2010 Census, please contact:

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WHY FILL OUT THE CENSUS FORM?

To ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations at all geographic levels in the nation, the Census Bureau needs you or someone in your household to respond to the census questionnaire.

IT'S IMPORTANT – census data affects funding for your community, your community's representation in Congress and your community's planning decisions.

IT'S EASY – the census questionnaire takes only a few minutes to answer and return by mail.



IT'S CONFIDENTIAL – your responses are protected by law. All Census Bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine – OR BOTH – for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

ITS REQUIRED BY LAW – the information you provide is combined with responses provided by your neighbors and other households across the country, to provide summary statistical data that are used by various local, state and federal agencies.

IT'S IMPORTANT

- Census data directly affects how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and much more. Spending a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure your community gets its fair share of federal and state funding.
- Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures.
- The census is like a snapshot that helps define who we are as a nation. Data about changes in your community is crucial to planning decisions: such as where to provide services for the elderly, where to build new roads and schools, where to locate job training centers, even housing changes.
- An incomplete count means your community misses out.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As part of the 2010 CENSUS team, YOU can raise awareness of and encourage participation in this historic event. With your help, the Census Bureau will continue to produce accurate data, which will directly affect the quality of life in your community.

Play an important role in making the 2010 Census a success by encouraging people in your community to take part in the count.

Spread the word about the importance of the census and the benefits of being counted.

Send a strong message:
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