

A **census** is the procedure of systematically acquiring and recording information about the members of a given population.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

Any personal data provided is **protected under federal law**. **Participation isn't just important—it's mandatory.**

How America is Counted

The census number tell us who we are and what we need. Before we begin a new chapter in American history, we need to understand who we are right now.

The 2010 Census aims to count all U.S. residents—citizens and non-citizens alike.

To do so, the Census Bureau:

- Delivers a short 10-question form to every household in America
- Requires that you fill in the form to account for everyone living at your address as of April 1, 2010
- Includes a prepaid envelope with the form so you can mail it back as soon as possible
- A census taker must follow-up in person with every address that doesn't mail back the form in order to obtain the responses.

About the Census Form - The 2010 Form: Shorter, easier to fill out

One of the shortest forms in history – 10 questions in 10 minutes. Every question asked is for a specific reason, to ensure response accuracy or to determine seats in Congress. In areas served by the United States Postal Service, postal workers will deliver the initial mailing in mid-March 2010. In all other areas, census takers will deliver the form packages between March 1 and April 30, 2010

NOTE: YOU CANNOT FILL OUT THE FORM ONLINE.

The 2010 Census form is just 10 questions, such as:

- Name
- Sex
- Age
- Date of birth
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Household relationship
- If you own or rent

The census **DOES NOT** ask about the legal status of respondents or their Social Security numbers.

The Questions on the Form

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Question #1: How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?

Question #2: Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010, that you did not include in Question 1? *Mark X all that apply.*

- Children such as newborn babies or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousin, or in-laws
- Non relatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

Question #3: Is this house, apartment, or mobile home -- *Mark X ONE box.*

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear? (without a mortgage or loan)
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

Question #4: What is your telephone number? *We may call if we don't understand an answer.*

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Question #5: Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.

What is Person's 1 name: *Print name below.*

Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Question #6: What is Person 1's sex? *Mark X ONE box.*

- Male Female

Question #7: What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?

Age on April 1, 2010 Month Day Year

Question #8: Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
 Yes, Puerto Rican
 Yes, Cuban
 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print origin, for example, Argentinian, Columbian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.

Question #9: What is the Person 1's race? *Mark X ONE or more boxes*

- White
 Black, African Am., Negro
 American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – Print race, for example
Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistan, Cambodian,
and so on. | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – Print
race, for example, Fijian, Tongan,
and so on. |

- Some other race – *Print race.*

Question #10: Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

- No Yes -- *Mark X all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In college housing | <input type="checkbox"/> For child custody |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the military | <input type="checkbox"/> In jail or prison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a seasonal
or second residence | <input type="checkbox"/> In a nursing home |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> For another reason |

→ If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2

What is a Census Taker?

By being counted you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

- The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form
- The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form
- If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit that home up to three times, each time leaving a door hanger featuring a phone number; residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit

The census taker will **ONLY** ask the questions that appear on the census form.

Do I have to talk to the census taker? Yes. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law, (Section 221, of Title 13 of the U.S. Code). However, rather than rely on criminal charges, the Census Bureau is very successful in getting participation by explaining the importance of the questions we ask and how the information benefits our communities.

Your privacy and confidentiality is priority. The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under Federal Law Title 13. Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties: Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

For Further Information Visit the Census 2010 website....

<http://2010.census.gov>