

Dear Family,

Have you ever wanted to know how many people live in your town? It's time to find out!

The Constitution requires a count every 10 years of everyone living in the United States regardless of their nationality, citizenship status, race, age, or gender. This count is called a census, and it's happening again in spring 2010.

Your community's businesses and civic groups, as well as local, state, and federal governments, will use the census data collected this year to make many decisions, including where to build community centers, schools, and hospitals. That's why your voice must be heard.

The 2010 Census questionnaire is short, takes 10 minutes to complete, and is 100 percent confidential. Watch your mailbox in March 2010 and remember to return your questionnaire.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Groves".

Robert M. Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Who Counts?

HOUSEHOLDS INCLUDE:

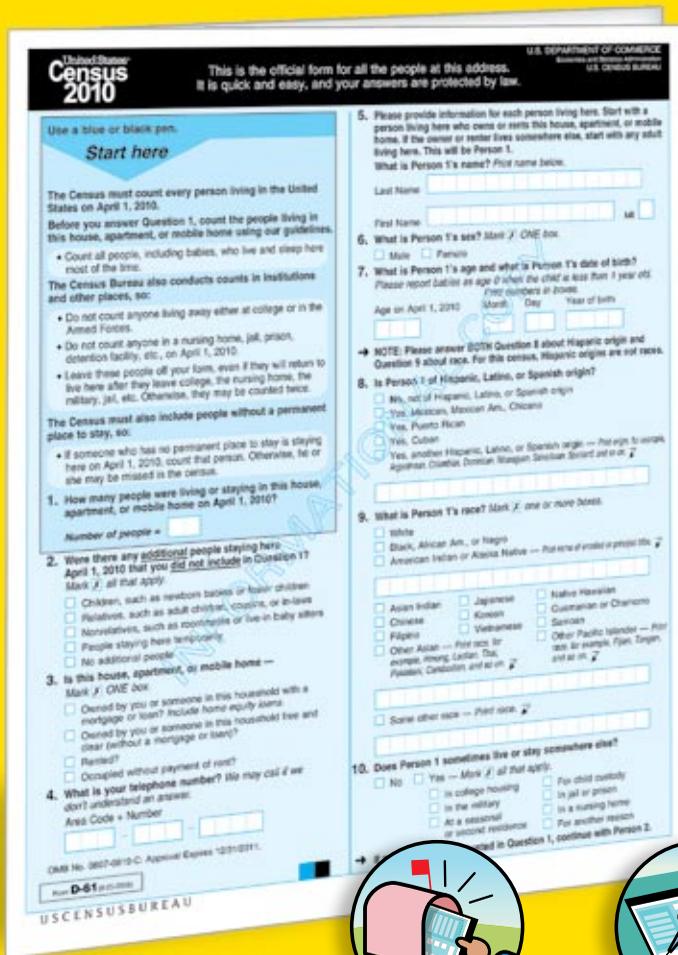
- Babies, foster children, or roommates
- People living with you who have no other place to stay
- People living in your home most of the time, even if they have another place to stay

HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- People who live or stay at another place most of the time
- Students living away from home while attending college or boarding school
- People in the military living somewhere else



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Watch for your household's questionnaire in March.

Then mail it back to make sure that your household is counted.



RECEIVE

FILL OUT

RETURN

What to Expect When You're Expecting a 2010 Census Questionnaire

The 2010 form includes only 10 questions and can be completed in about 10 minutes. Your household's census information will be collected in one of these two ways:

- a) Questionnaires will be sent to your home.** They will arrive in March 2010 and will include a prepaid postage stamp for easy mailing.
- b) Confidentiality-bound census workers will travel door-to-door.** If you do not return your questionnaire by mail, a census worker (who will show proper identification) will visit your household to collect the information in person.

Common 2010 Census Questions

- 1. Who should be counted as part of my household?**
Everyone! All children, babies, and adults who live in your household should be counted regardless of nationality, citizenship status, race, age, or gender.
- 2. How is my private information protected?** It is a federal crime, punishable by imprisonment, for a census worker to divulge personal and confidential information. Personal information is collected for statistical purposes only and is sealed for 72 years.
- 3. Can I get in trouble for answering census questions?**
No, census information is completely confidential. It is never shared with other government agencies, including the IRS, any office of immigration, or the FBI. Sharing census data is a federal offense.

MORE QUESTIONS?

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